

The following questions will be discussed during our online class, Monday, April 13th. Look them over and use them as a prompt to think about the text and possible interpretations for the character's actions and words.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At line 212, the chorus urges Electra to stop talking about the murder of her father by her mother, Clytemnestra and her now husband, Aegisthus. The chorus declares to Electra that she is creating her own misery by desiring to see her mother and stepfather punished. Why does Electra dismiss the chorus, telling them that she is "forced to it" (grieving for her father ten years after his death)?
2. Compare Antigone's rage to Electra's. How are they similar, how are they different?
3. How does Clytemnestra treat Electra? What does Electra say about Clytemnestra? How would you describe their mother-daughter relationship? Do you think there is a possibility for reconciliation between them?