

## Study Outline for Test on *Antigone* and *Electra* (lines 1-369)

The test will have a similar format to the previous tests, however, the test will be administered through Blackboard. This is an open book test, with an allotted time of 75 minutes. Below is an outline of the format and examples of what kinds of questions you will see in each section.

### Part 1 Fill-in-the-blank (25 points)

There will be ten to fifteen questions in which you will be required to fill in the blank with the correct answer. Below are examples of questions you might see:

1. King Creon rules the city of Thebes and takes over from his brother. Who is his brother?

ANSWER: Oedipus

2. Orestes and his sister Electra are seeking to avenge the death of their father, Agamemnon. Agamemnon was murdered by his wife, \_\_\_\_\_ and her now husband, \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER: Clytemnestra and Aegisthus.

### Part 2 Identification of Speaker (35 points)

You will be given short passages of five to ten lines from the online texts that you have been reading. You will be asked to identify the speaker. Below are examples of questions you might see:

1. "Fiction declares men to be dead but they're alive and when they return home they're treated as heroes. It will be the same with me: A false story, yes but after it I shall shine like a bright star before my enemies."

ANSWER: Orestes

2. " Creon buried our brother Eteoclês  
With military honors, gave him a soldier's funeral,  
and it was right that he should; but Polyneicês,  
They fought as bravely and died as miserably,  
-- They say that Creon has sworn  
No one shall burry him, no one mourn for him,  
But this body must lie in the fields, a sweet treasure  
For carrion birds to find as they search for food."

ANSWER: Antigone

### Part 3 Essay Questions (40 points)

You will be given a choice of five (5) essay questions that link the themes of tyranny, empire, and democracy with what we have read so far, **including the *Iliad***. You will be required to answer four (4) of the six (6) questions with answers that are between three to five sentences. You will have plenty of time to write your answers, in your words. If you use the Internet as a resource to answer the questions, that is fine but make sure that you digest what you have read as a reference and articulate your response in your own words. Here is an example of the type of question you will see in the essay section of the test.

1. Compare the characters of Antigone and Electra, in what ways are they similar and in what ways are they different?
2. Do you believe that Creon's order not to bury Polyneices was motivated by a desire to end the conflict in the city and restore the peace, or do you see Creon's order as aggravating the conflict and antagonizing Antigone?
3. In your opinion, which hero from the *Iliad* does Orestes resemble?