

Sample Outline with Thesis Statement

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Antigone and Her Morality

Thesis: Antigone is a tragic heroine who believes in her moral duty to the gods over her duty to the state and is willing to suffer the consequences in order to do what is morally right.

- I. Antigone's justification of action
 - A. Her defiant speech against law of man
 - B. Her argument through Divine Law
- II. Hamartia Theory
 - A. Antigone's tragic flaws
 - B. Human responsibility for action
 - C. Chorus points out character flaws
- III. Divine injustice and the moral problem
 - A. Action involves suffering
 - B. Acknowledging moral order of the gods
- IV. Divinity in man is morality