Antigone Questions: Scene 1

1. What metaphor is used in Creon’s opening words? What does it mean?

2. What two principles does Creon believe in (in lines 18-30)?

3. Is Creon justified when he commands that no one should bury Polyneices? Why?

4. What does the Sentry’s behavior when he first arrives reveal about Creon’s reputation? How do you know?

5. Why might the Choragos suspect the gods may have buried Polyneices’ body? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.

6. How are lines 123-124 an example of dramatic irony?

7. Name two character flaws Creon possesses. How do you know he has them?

8. Summarize this scene in four sentences.
9. Summarize in one sentence the following lines in the Ode:
   a) Lines 1-6
   b) Lines 7-12
   c) Lines 13-18
   d) Lines 19-24

10. What does the Chorus (in the Ode) say about human greatness? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

11. What does the Chorus (in the Ode) say about human weakness or limitation? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.