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 (lines 18-30)?

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

4. What does the Sentry’s behavior, when he first arrives, reveal about Creon’s reputation?

5. Why might the Choragos suspect the gods may have buried Polyneices’ body?

6. How are lines 123-124 an example of dramatic irony?
7. Name two character flaws Creon possesses.

8. Summarize this scene in four sentences using evidence from the text.

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?

11. What does the Chorus (in the Ode) say about human weakness or limitation?