

### Dialectical Journal

Quotation and line number	Interpretation
<p>“Dishonours which better fit our enemies are now being piled up on the ones we love.” lines 12-13</p>	<p>Antigone feels that the struggles of her life aren’t deserved because she is an honorable person and that her enemies are the ones who deserve such treatment.</p>
<p>Eteocles, they say, has had his burial according to our customary rites, to win him honour with the dead below. But as for Polyneices, who perished so miserably, an order has gone out throughout the city—that’s what people say.  lines 28-33</p>	<p>Antigone feels the mistreatment of her brothers deeply. It is a motivation for her actions throughout the drama.</p>
<p>Will you help these hands take up Polyneices’ corpse and bury it?  lines 55-56</p>	<p>By refusing to follow Creon’s decree, Antigone establishes herself as a strong character who seek justice even in the face of adversity.</p>
<p>Think how we’ll die far worse than all the rest, if we defy the law and move against the king’s decree, against his royal power. We must remember that by birth we’re women, and, as such, we shouldn’t fight with men. lines 74-78</p>	<p>Ismene, in direct contrast to Antigone, feels that she must follow her expected role as a woman and fears the wrath of Creon.</p>
<p>I’ll still bury him. It would be fine to die while doing that. I’ll lie there with him, with a man I love, pure and innocent, for all my crime. My honours for the dead must last much longer than for those up here. lines 89-93</p>	<p>Antigone insists that she would rather do what was right and honor her brother than have success in the current world, further characterizing her as a hero.</p>
<p>Don’t fear for me. Set your own fate in order. line 102</p>	<p>Antigone cares deeply for those around her and is selfless in her desires.</p>
<p>But remember this—even though your mission makes no sense, your friends do truly love you. lines 120-121</p>	<p>Ismene also loves her sister deeply even though she is less strong and more tied to traditional gender roles.</p>