

The Burial at Thebes is the poet Seamus Heaney's translation of the ancient Greek play *Antigone*, by Sophocles. As the excerpt begins, Antigone is defying King Creon's order by administering burial rites to her brother, Polyneices. Polyneices had been declared by Creon to be a traitor to Thebes in a civil war. Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

from **THE BURIAL AT THEBES**
A Version of Sophocles' *Antigone*

Translated by Seamus Heaney

Students read a selection from *The Burial at Thebes: A Version of Sophocles' Antigone* and then answered questions 36 through 40 that followed.

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