

## ***Antigone* Vocabulary**

### **191-198**

Desecrate - To violate the sacredness of; to profane.

Flout - To show contempt for; scorn: *flout a law; behavior that flouted convention.*

Interdict - Law. A prohibition by court order.

Roman Catholic Church. An ecclesiastical censure that excludes a person or district from participation in most sacraments and from Christian burial.

### **198-219**

Wreak - To inflict (vengeance or punishment) upon a person.

To express or gratify (anger, malevolence, or resentment); vent.

To bring about; cause: wreak havoc.

Prowess – High skill or ability.

Sage - Wise

Stealthily – Carrying out an action with quiet, caution, and secrecy intended to avoid notice.

### **220-227**

Deference - Courteous yielding to the opinion, wishes, or judgment of another.

Sedition - Conduct or language inciting rebellion against the authority of a state.

Dauntless - Incapable of being intimidated or discouraged; fearless.

Maul - To injure by or as if by beating: “The boxer mauled the other fighter.”

To handle roughly: “The package was mauled by the careless messenger.”

### **228-235**

Plummet – To decline suddenly and steeply.

Pious – Reverent; holy.

Taint - To affect with decay or putrefaction; spoil.

To corrupt morally.

To affect with a tinge of something reprehensible.

Jeering – Taunting, mocking, scoffing remarks or shouts.

### **236-252**

Portent - An indication of something important or calamitous about to occur.

Omen - A phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil; a prophetic sign.  
Prognostication; portent: "birds of ill omen."

Clemency - A disposition to show mercy, especially toward an offender or enemy.

Absolution - The act of absolving or the state of being absolved.  
The formal remission of sin imparted by a priest, as in the sacrament of penance.