

Pride

Everyone you know has pride, but would you expect it in these two characters? You can tell by a few words from each character of how their pride influences their actions. For example, the character from “On the Rainy River”, “I would go to the war-I would kill and maybe die-because I was embarrassed not to”. “Antigone” is no different, she says, “I will bury, and if I must die, I say this crime is holy”. “Antigone” and “On the Rainy River” are perfect examples of the theme of pride. They both show two different people who both were placed with a hard decision that would decide their character and pride.

“On the Rainy River” was the better version of the theme pride. The character’s pride wouldn’t allow him to be a coward, “I would go to the war-I would kill and maybe die-because I was embarrassed not to.” Those words from him let you know he’d do anything to keep his pride. “All those eyes on me-the town, the whole universe-and I couldn’t risk the embarrassment.” This also let you know that, not only will his pride be jeopardized, but his character and what people thought of him too. It explains why he did what he didn’t want to do, and that’s go to war.

“Antigone” wasn’t yelling pride to me, but really showed a lot of it. “I will bury him, and if I must die, I say this crime is holy.” This demonstrates how powerful her pride is, even if death is the result, she doesn’t care. This also shows her love and respect for her brother. “Guilty. I did it, I deny it not.” These words are examples of Antigone’s will to do what she feels to be right. She knows she’s going to be thrown in jail or murdered for her crime, but her pride won’t let her taint her character. Antigone’s pride is something that couldn’t be broken.

The details I’ve given you prove “Antigone” and “On the Rainy River” are perfect examples of the theme of pride. Everyone you know has pride, but you wouldn’t expect it in these two characters.

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