Antigone Analysis

1. Teiresias, the little boy, Creon, and the Chorus.
2. 1. A boy leads blind Teiresias into Creon’s hall.
   2. Teiresias forewarns Creon of the consequences if he does not free Antigone.
   3. Creon accuses Teiresias of seeking personal gains in his motives.
   4. Boy leads Teiresias out, his elder being satisfied with the response he received.
3. The atmosphere of this episode is one of contention.
   1. Creon’s visiting of the chorus after Teiresias’s visit.
      1. Demonstrates Creon’s aggressive denial and subsequent admittance to his inner-conflict.
   2. “You pricked me, and these shafts of wrath. Will find their mark in your heart.”
      1. Ironic as Creon feels stricken after his visit, seeks counsel from the Chorus and ultimately rushes to free Antigone.
   3. “Let us leave him to vent his anger on younger ears.”
      1. Creon speaks to the Chorus after he leaves, making his predication/musing accurate.
4. Teiresias posses no conflict as he accomplished his goal when talking to Creon. Creon however, is unsure of what course of action to take next – follow the counsel provided to him, or take a hardline stance. The Chorus sympathizes with Teiresias’s opinion, and thus likely suffers no inner conflict, either.
   1. divination - the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by supernatural means.
   2. Outlandish - *archaic* foreign; alien.
   3. Acolyte - a person assisting the celebrant in a religious service or procession.
   4. Benefactor - a person who gives money or other help to a person or cause.
   5. Prudence - the quality of being prudent; cautiousness:
   6. Talons - a claw, esp. one belonging to a bird of prey.
   7. Gall - the contents of the gallbladder; bile (proverbial for its bitterness).
   8. Sacrilege - violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred
   9. Taut - stretched or pulled tight; not slack
   10. Defilement - the action of defiling or the state of being defiled
5. Talons – wrath of the gods, angry at Creon. Shafts of wrath – literal phrasing of the gods’ anger.
6. Failing to heed the advice of others yields inner conflict and negative consequences.