# Eumenides

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# **AESCHYLUS, EUMENIDES**

They were not and never did.

# **NationStates**

Athena Your power will be that without your consent no household shall prosper.

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Hearken, O mother Night, my wrath, mine agony! Pray that whatever winds breathe sweet air from the land, the sea and the sky they should reach this city under a bright sun. APOLLO Was it not well, my worshipper to aid, Then most of all when hardest was the need? The murderer of his mother, Orestes, is gone! I have, nevertheless, appreciated quite enormously Aeschylus' style and with finishing this last play of the Orestia trilogy, I finish for the being moment my journey through Aeschylus' work. The goddess of justice intervenes and brings in a jury of twelve Athenians to judge.

### Aeschylus, Eumenides, line 34

Her wooden statue stands close to the shrine.

#### **AESCHYLUS, EUMENIDES**

Athena Then stay in the land and you will gain philoi. This gives you an early warning to be prepared for it. Which of the public altars shall he use? Other important themes covered by the trilogy include: the cyclical nature of blood crimes the ancient law of the mandates that blood must be paid for with blood in an unending cycle of doom, and the bloody past history of the House of Atreus continues to affect events generation after generation in a self-perpetuating cycle of violence begetting violence; the lack of clarity between right and wrong, and represent the ancient, primitive laws which demand blood vengeance, while Apollo, and particularly Athena, represent the new order of reason and civilization; and the difficult nature of inheritence and the responsibilities it carries with it.

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As for you, how can I arrange things so that I will not be blamed? Suppliant Women, 4 - 6. ORESTES Slaying her husband, she did slay my sire. You as mantis will speak the words of a mantis but no longer keep them unpolluted.

## Eumenides (Ορέστεια, #3) by Aeschylus

However, Orestes has summoned help from Apollo a young god, who has directed him to Athena, the Goddess of wisdom, to give him pardon from his crime. Watching over those who sleep, 706 it is a wakeful guardian of the land. Send after him a gust of bloody breath, waste him with the vapor, with the fire from your guts—after him! Your strength is proof that you will save me.

## **Eumenides by Aeschylus**

The utterances of the Furies, as they rouse themselves to action, will be only a prelude to the fuller expression of their wrath. Chorus This will not happen! Bromius has held the region—I do not forget him—ever since he, as a god, led the Bacchantes in war, and contrived for Pentheus death as of a hunted hare.

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