**Antigone - Tragic Heroine**

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| **ATTRIBUTE** | **DESCRIPTION** | **Example from *Antigone*** |
| **Hamartia** | Hero's Flaw that Causes Downfall | Antigone believes she can know the will of the gods, and acts in direct contradiction of Creon’s decree. She wants to be a martyr. |
| **Hubris** | Excessive Pride | Antigone sets herself above the laws of her king, unapologetically defying Creon. |
| **Peripeteia** | Reversal of Fortune | Tiresias convinces Creon to free Antigone. |
| **Anagnorisis** | Moment of Critical Discovery | The audience knows what Antigone does not: Creon is on his way to pardon her. |
| **Nemesis** | Fate that Cannot be Avoided | Antigone hangs herself before Creon can arrive. |
| **Catharsis** | Audience's Feeling of Pity or Fear After the Hero's Fall | The audience is sad that Antigone died for burying her brother, and for her pride. They recognize the same temptations to righteously defy authority in their own lives. |