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Jean Anouilh (1910-1987) was born in Bordeaux to a tailor's father and violinist mother. Although he began writing plays at the age of twelve, Anouilh initially continued his legal studies at the Sorbonne and briefly worked as an advertising copywriter and screenwriter. In 1931, Anouilh married actress Monelle Valentin, became secretary of his mentor Louis Jouvet *comédie des Champs-Élysées* and began his playing career. In the 1950s, Anouilh was the most popular playwright in Europe. His favor in the public eye faded, however, with the rise of the absurd playwrights Ionesco and Beckett. After losing his critical popularity, Anouilh left the theater for several years. He returned to the stage late in his life, writing and directing plays characterized by their politically conservative character and nostalgic tone. Anouilh produced his first play, *Humulus le muet*, in 1929 in collaboration with Jean Aurenche. His game *Mandarin* emerged the same year. After deciding to devote himself entirely to the theater, he then produced *Y avait un prisonnier* (1935), which was followed by his breakthrough work, *Le voyageur sans Luggage* (1937), a naturalistic story of amnesia that discovers that he led a corrupt life and decides to get rid of his former self. Although Anouilh continued to write naturalistic studies in the immediate aftermath of *Le Voyageur*, he soon came under the influence of authors such as Giraudoux, Cocteau, Vitrac, and Pirandello, and began to develop a more expansive, experimental style. In the decades that follow, Anouilh worked in many genres, from tragedies to farce to historical games. He produced several meta-theatrical works that made theatre itself both a setting and a subject. Later, he categorized these works by color (black, pink), quality (brilliant, unsuccessful) or style (Baroque). In America, Anouilh's costumes or historical dramas were particularly well received, such as *L'aluette* (1953), his play on Joan of Arc, and tony award-winning *Becket* (1959). Throughout his career, Anouilh's drama featured biting political criticism. The two most striking examples in his great postwar period are his attacks on Charles de Gaulle in *L'hurluberlu* (1958) and *Le sonnet de critique* (1960). *Antigone*, an adaptation of the Sophocles classic produced in the context of the anti-fascist French Resistance, is Anouilh's work to this day. *Antigone* premiered in Paris in 1944, but Anouilh wrote his story of a lone uprising against the state two years earlier, inspired by an act of defiance during the Paris nazi occupation. In August 1942, a young man named Paul Collette fired at and wounded a group of directors during a meeting of the collaborative *Légion des volontaires français*. Collette did not belong to a network of resistance or an organized political group, but he acted entirely alone and with full knowledge of his certain death. For Anouilh, Collette's lonely act-at once heroic, gratuitous and vainly-captured the essence of tragedy demanded an immediate revival of *Antigon*. Aware of Anouilh's thinly veiled attack on the Vichy government, the Nazis censored *Antigone* immediately after his release. It premiered two years later at the *Théâtre de l'Atelier* in Paris, led by André Barsacq, a few months before the liberation of Paris. The play starred Valentin as a doomed princess, and soon took over canonical status in a modern French theater. Purchase on BN.com These notes were contributed by members of the GradeSaver community. We are grateful for their contributions and encourage you to make your own. Written by Timothy Sexton The Choir introduces the characters and sets the stage for the narrative to come by explaining that a fight between brothers *Antigone Eteocles* and *Polynices* broke out over the question of who would gain control of Thebes. Both brothers, however, were killed and Creon took control. His attempt to restore stability and impose order begins with a major funeral to celebrate *Eteocles*, while the body of *Polynices* is allowed to rot under the hole as a warning of rebellion. *Antigone* is then seen sneaking into his home in the early hours of the morning by a nurse who makes questions that are answered only with *Antigone's* admission that he had a meeting. *Ismene* then approaches *Antigone* with a warning before trying to buy his brother's corpse. The punishment for buying *Polynica*, she reminds her, is death. The warning comes too late, of course, but that's exactly what *Antigone* did and why he's coming home so late. *Haemon* arrives and after apologizing for the recent fight, *Antigone* informs him that she can never marry. *Hemon* leaves in shock. *Ismene* continues his attempt to provide guidance against the disturbing *Creon* by reminding *Antigone* that *Polynices* was not exactly a paragon of virtue or fraternity. He urges *Antigon* to leave this whole affair to *Creon*, and finally *Antigone* will say that the deed is already done. When *Creon* hears from the guardian that the corpse of *Polynices* was buried against his direct order, the only evidence he can offer to identify is a small shovel used as ay children. *Creon* orders that the body be exhumed and that this secret be kept forever or faced with death. *Antigone* is quickly caught and arrested and brought to his face by *Creon*. Guards are oblivious to her identity as they fight each other over the issue of avoiding guilt. When he finally learns who disobeyed his orders, *Creon* is shocked and trying to influence her to give up her actions. *Antigone* rejects this offer and insists he will die for his transgressions before ever doing so. *Creon* then tries to influence her by advising her to discover happiness and purpose through marriage to *Haemon*. When that fails, he disappears into despair. As soon as *Ismene* arrives, *Antigone* begins to provoke *Creon*. The final verdict will allow her to avoid death, but keep her closed inside the cave until she dies. *Creon* offers an explanation for this to the chorus by suggesting that *Polynices* was really just a means to an end that was nothing more than the end of your own life. *Haemon* turns out to beg his father for mercy for *Antigone*, but *Creon* advises him that it's time to forget her. He also begs his case for doing everything in its power to help her out of the situation she got into. As *Antigone* is dragged away by guards, *Creon* reminds *Haemon* that the crowd will not be suppressed. *Antigone* engages the officer to write a letter to *Haemon*, which he dictates, and he sneaks into his laptop to avoid the possibility of discovery. The guard reluctantly agrees because he knows he will be court-martialed if caught and proposed. The messenger soon appears with the message that as the entrance to the cave was closed, they heard moaning and wailing from the inside, but the sound did not match *Antigone's* voice. *Creon* immediately realizes what that means and desperately tries to hammer the rocks away, but eventually *Haemon* hangs on to *Antigone's* dead body hanging from part of his own robe. When *Creon* finally begs his son to get up, *Haemon* turns around and hits on *Creon* before stabbing himself. *Creon* is buried deep in mourning for the loss of his niece, as well as his son. The corps informs him that things can always get worse, however. Then he learns that his wife *Eurydice* committed suicide. *Creon* is distracted from grief by contemplating a cabinet meeting scheduled later that day. There and the guards continue to card the game they played. You can help us by revising, improving and updating this section. Update this section After you qualify for a section, you will have 24 hours to submit the draft. Editor check the submission and either publish your post or provide feedback. In order to continue using our site, we ask you to confirm your identity as a person. Thank you very much for your cooperation. I think I'm still a little obsessed with this game, which is a bit of fun. 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This is quite whereas there are many special character characters in the Sophocles version, which is partly what makes him great; one can never be entirely sure what the characters' motives are. Anouilh's *antigone* (character) initially doesn't seem to be headstrong, stubborn, up to no good, dashing young woman of sophoclean fame. She seems to be quiet, demure, and her actions seem well thought out. She seems to understand why *Creon* feels the need to leave *Polynices'* body rotting in public, and her actions seem to be motivated by so much incestuous obsession with her brother as a genuine devotion to the cause of justice. At first, I was quite disappointed in it; Sophocles' characters act irrationally, which is more fun, and I also think more realistic. But in the end I realized that way with Anouilh's; *Antigone* is a particularly unreliable narrator, and in the end it's clear that she is perhaps as mad and death-obsessed as she is in Sophocles. In fact, in this version *Creon* comes across as far more sensible; A more detailed exposure of *Polynices'* and *Eteocles'* characters and actions made it much harder to sympathize with *polynices* and *antigone* (and I suspect their actions were taken directly from ancient Greek accounts, so exactly the same thing would happen in Sophocles' *Antigone*, just not mentioned in the game). I find it difficult to misunderstood *Creon's* actions in this particular case: *Polynices* and *Eteocles* were both absolute bastards who tried to unseat their father from the throne so that they could be the ruler of Thebes; both died in battle while fighting each other; *Creon* chose randomly one to be buried in the state and the other to be left to rot as an example to the population. It makes a lot of sense to me, and given how terrible their actions have been I understand why the ruler would want to do something like this. That's not really clear in Sophocles. But when you think about it on more abstract levels, it's bad, bad, bad! No ruler should deprive every citizen of their rights for any reason, no matter how terrible they are, no matter how much they harm the state! So interesting. I question the wisdom of throwing away *Tiresias* and his prediction, and *Creon's* attempts to undo what he did. In Sophocles, it results in an evening of responsibility because *Creon* redeemed himself in a sense, but is still severely punished by the deaths of his son and wife. In a way, though, it makes sense, because then both *Creon* and *Antigone* stick stubbornly to their beliefs to the end. Also maybe it helped get this game around German censorship. The sentra display was very interesting. In Sophocles' version, *Sentry* is funny, funny, clever, compassionate. Acts as a foil to *Creon*; ironically so, because he displays the properties of 'noble blood' much brighter than *Creon* ever does. Anouilh's *sentry*, however, is an imbecile; morally stunted, stupid, ignorant, uneducated. Much more accurate *sentry*, in other words. And it still provides comic relief! The scene where *Antigone* tries to dictate his last letter to *Hemon* is hilarious and tragic. Manny does a lot of beautiful writing in this game, and I love a lot of it - simple language, but used well. I felt like a lot of arguments between *Antigone* and *Creon* went a little crazy, though. Around and around in circles, constantly – they reminded me of nothing so much as my partner exchanging arguing with my mother: Mais you are! Mais no! Mais you are! Mais no! Tais toi! Non! and so on and so on, ad infinitum. And then *Antigone* came up with this zinger line: - Oui, je suis laide! C'est ignoble, n'est-ce pas, ces cris, ces sursauts, cette lutte de chiffonniers. And later, C'est trop laid, tout cell, tout est trop laid. And I loved that about this version: everything in Sophocles seems very noble and virtuous - everything takes place on a level beyond normal huamn activity, everything has a kind of tragic beauty. Anouilh's version was much more earthy, more realistic. There is really nothing beautiful about such a situation and there was no idealisation of anything. Which was beautifully mirrored by simple, everyday language - none of Sophocles' poetic flights of fancy for Anouilh.The thing that is most important about *Antigone*, though, is preserved by Anouilh. You shouldn't choose between *Creon* and *Antigon*. Nor did the ancient Greek audience. They're both wrong, and they're both right, and we should never forget that. ... More... More

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