SCENE 2 and ODE 2 QUESTIONS

Directions: Please answer the following questions on your own sheet of paper. Use complete sentences and provide evidence from the text when necessary!

1. When Creon first hears Antigone has been caught, how does he react? Why do you think he has this reaction? What does it tell you about his personality?
2. When the Sentry describes Antigone’s return to Polyneices’ body, what does he compare her to? Why would Sophocles choose to make this particular comparison? What is he trying to make you feel?
3. Why does Antigone say she defied the law? What does this tell you about her personality?
4. In addition to being part of the plot to bury Polyneices, what else does Creon accuse Ismene of? What does this reveal about his character?
5. Why do you think Antigone refuses to let Ismene claim guilt? What does this tell you about her character?
6. How does the Choragos feel about Creon deciding to kill Antigone? What seems to be of greatest concern to the elders?
7. According to Ode 2, what is happening to Oedipus’ family? Why? What fault/flaw is being punished?
8. What seems to be Creon’s primary motivation at this point (what underlying trait or idea is making him act the way he does)? Write a one-chunk paragraph in which you identify Creon’s primary motivation for his decisions in the play so far.