**Outline for *Antigone* Essay**

**Introduction-** You MUST have a thesis statement that CLEARLY identifies your claim. **Example:** Antigone’s tragic flaw impacts the play in many ways, specifically the deaths of Haemon, Eurydice, and herself.

**Body Paragraphs (2-3)-** You MUST begin with a topic sentence. This sentence CLEARLY identifies the part of your claim (thesis) that is being proved in the paragraph. **YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE PIECE OF CITED EVIDENCE IN EACH BODY PARAGRAPH!!**

Follow R.A.C.E.S

**R**e-state and **A**nswer (topic sentence(s) do this)

**EXAMPLE:** To begin, Haemon’s death is inevitable because of Antigone’s stubborn choices in the play.

**C**ite your textual evidence

**EXAMPLE:** In the second act, Haemon tries to change Antigone’s mind when he says, “Change your mind, you stubborn fool” (Sophocles 817).

**E**xplain your evidence

**EXAMPLE:** But, despite Haemon calling his future bride a “fool,” she stubbornly refuses to listen.

**S**ummarize your ideas

**EXAMPLE**: So, Haemon’s suicide later in the play can be blamed on Antigone’s poor choices and stubborn pride.

**Conclusion-** Re-state your claim and make a “What If” statement. **For example:** Imagine the resolution of *Antigone* if the tragic heroes, Antigone and Creon, had listened to the arguments made by others in the play.