

History 9: Morality, Democracy, and Justice

Required summer reading and writing assignment

Due on the first day of school

Welcome to Allendale Columbia's freshman history course and its first reading and writing assignment. Please read the fascinating play, 'Antigone,' written by Jean Anouilh, found in the book **Five Plays: Antigone, Eurydice, The Ermine, The Rehearsal, Romeo and Jeannette (1990)**. This is an updated version of the play written by the ancient Greek poet and playwright, Sophocles. **YOU MUST BUY THE VERSION OF THE BOOK LISTED ABOVE. DO NOT BUY THE VERSION BY SOPHOCLES. IT IS MUCH HARDER TO READ.** It is available in several places; the school library has some copies, local libraries carry it, and if you want to buy it, you can find it in paperback at local stores or at Amazon.com. Don't wait until the last week of August to get this reading accomplished because it should be a fun summer accomplishment, and not a last minute burden. It is the tale of a young woman (Antigone) who must decide whether to bury her brother after he has died even though her sister advises her not to, and it is not permitted by King Creon.

Then write a one-two page essay about whether you think Antigone made the right decision to bury her brother against the advice of her sister and in opposition to the king. The essay should be typed in double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font.