

Please note that all literary devices for the "What I think about the book" section should be placed in bold letters.

The journal should consist of the following:

The Quotation

What I think: Describe what the quote makes you think. Do not merely repeat what the quote is saying--draw connections to other school subjects, current news, movies, or experiences.

What this says about the book: State what this quote suggests about a character, the plot, etc. Point out how or why the author includes this line in the play, and what types of metaphors, images, allusions, or symbols may be at work. Point out what role the quotation may have in developing a conflict or theme.

What this says about the world: Explain what connection you see between the quotation and how people act or the world or society operates. Be specific and use examples.

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Quotation:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to inform you that our Ship of State, which recent storms have threatened to destroy, has come safely to harbor at last, guided by the merciful wisdom of Heaven.

What I Think:

Creon's quotation reminds me of the problems we are now having in Afghanistan, as the US and its military attempts to stabilize the Middle East. The comparison of problems to a storm also reminds me of how a single action can result in more problems; just as a series of waves during a storm can destroy an entire community.

What this Says About the Book:

The quotation is Creon's first speech as king, and it is his attempt to explain his philosophy of government to his people. This speech **characterizes** Creon as a man who will follow the law at all costs. Creon also uses a **metaphor** that compares the city of Thebes to a ship. The metaphor could **foreshadow** future storms or problems that may affect the outcome of the tragedy.

What This Says About the World

Even in Greek times, safety and peace seem to be rare. The world and its people are always concerned about the next possible war or act of violence. The terrorism and violence we see everyday on the news or even experience in our own lives is not new—people throughout the centuries have experienced the same thing.