Theban Genealogy

I sent my son Oedipus away so he wouldn't kill me, but I couldn't escape my fate.

I hanged myself when I learned my second husband was actually my son Oedipus.

I also kill myself when I learn that my son is dead and Creon is to blame.

My pride got me into trouble. Without knowing it, I killed my real father and married my mother, believing I could outwit fate.

I'm Jocasta's brother. When nobody was left, I became king of Thebes.

I am Antigone's fiancé. I tried to talk some sense into my dad, Creon.

I acted according to my beliefs and paid the ultimate price. I am Antigone, and we are the cursed children of Oedipus.

I am a good girl who obeys the rules. I'm afraid to break the law and bury my brother, Polyneices.

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I am Laios (Λαῖος).

Jocasta (Ιοκαστα)

Eurydicate (Εὐρυδίκη)

Oedipus (Οδίπεος)

Creon (κρέον)

Haimon (Άιμον)

Polyneices (Πολυνείσες)

Eteocles (Ετεοκλές)

Ismene (Ισμενή)

Antigone (Αντιγονη)

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