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3. True or false: "Pride goes before the fall." What does this quote mean? Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer, citing specific examples from your own experiences.

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Select ONE of your original prewrite answers. Answer the question again in a 1-2 page personal reaction essay, this time incorporating specific examples/quotes/incidents from the play to illustrate what you originally said. Then compare and contrast your initial response with what you learn of this theme/philosophical idea from your reading of Antigone. What universal truths do you learn from this play related to this topic?

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