

ANTIGONE

Content Advisory Chart

Antigone is Sophie Deraspe’s adaptation of the Greek play by Sophocles, set in modern-day Montreal, and used as a narrative device to tell the story of a family of refugees in Canada. Having fled to Canada during the Algerian Civil War of the 1990s, the children of the Hipponome family all adapt differently to life in Canada. With parents killed in the war, they have survived under the care of their beloved grandmother. To support the family, Antigone’s brothers are involved in a local gang called the Habibis, engaging in drug trafficking to pay the rent. This truth comes to light for Antigone when her brother Étéocle is gunned down by police and Polynice is arrested for assaulting the officer who killed him. Facing deportation, Polynice is jailed just as his slain brother’s body lays in rest at his funeral. Shaken and angry at a legal system that has failed to protect her family, Antigone must decide to take the fall for her brother Polynice, who, despite his tough-guy act in Canada, would endure an even harsher life back home. Antigone is faced with the repercussions of her own actions, and the impossible conundrum of considering herself over her family.

FILM RATINGS from each provincial film review board
NR indicates that the film was not rated in this province

AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NT	NS	NU	ON	PE	QC	SK	YK
14A	14A	NR	NR	NR	14A	NR	14A	14A	NR	14A	14A	14A

Content	Frequency				Context/Notes/Examples
	Once	Rare	Occasional	Frequent	
LANGUAGE					
Coarse Language			✓		“Shit!” “Fuck!” “Asshole” “Tabarnak!” N-word within lyrics of a rap song.
SEX AND NUILITY					
Kissing	✓				Antigone and Haémon, young adults, kiss before having sex.
Sex	✓				Antigone and Haémon have sex in a field (no nudity, not graphic).
ALCOHOL/DRUGS					
Alcohol Use	✓				Polynice is arrested at a bar (very mild reference, not depicted).
Drug Use			✓		Polynice and Étéocle sell drugs for the gang The Habibis, though they are never depicted doing so. During an interrogation, Antigone is shown the photo of a 14-year-old overdose victim who had acquired drugs from her brothers (audience not privy to photo).

VIOLENCE					
Police Violence / Death	✓				Police officers arrest Polynice, handcuffing him on the ground without cause. Shortly after, a gunshot is heard, and Étéocle is seen on the ground. He is later seen lying on a gurney in the morgue (not graphic).
Physical assault	✓				Ismène slaps Antigone in the face.