

- Labdacus was raised by his maternal grandfather, Nycteus, and Nycteus's brother, Lycus.
- Laius was put under the guardianship of Lycus before returning to Thebes as king.
- Oedipus, exposed due to the prophecy that he would kill his father, was found by a shepherd and raised as the son of King Polybus of Corinth.
- Eteocles drove Polyneices from Thebes and then defended the city against him; he was given a stately burial.
- Creon forbade the burial of Polyneices as punishment for the attack on Thebes; Antigone defied Creon and buried her brother. She was herself entombed alive for this.
- Haemon, finding Antigone buried, committed suicide on her tomb.

