

HARRY

PLAY: Agatha Rex
GENRE: Drama
TIME: 1:20

DESCRIPTION

Agatha Rex is a modern-day adaptation of the Greek classic *Antigone*.

Harry tries to convince Dr. Creon (his father and the principal of his high school) not to expel Agatha.

ACTING HINTS

This is the first time Harry has ever stood up to his father. Harry is nervous and uncharacteristically serious. Why does Harry feel he has no other choice but to give his dad an ultimatum?

Think about Dr. Creon's reactions and responses as he listens to Harry.

Would you say that I have good sense? Would you say that I have good sense? A good head on my shoulders? That I'm sensible? Ok. (*He takes a deep breath and runs a hand through his hair.*) I was wondering if there is another side to the story.

Sometimes it's hard being the principal's son. Sometimes people don't want to tell me things because they think it will get back to you. They think I'll tell. On the other hand, sometimes people do tell me things - things you would never find out about because people don't like to complain to you.

HARRY

You scare the heck out of people, Dad. And I've been talking to people about Agatha. She is the most popular girl in school for all the right reasons. She's smart, she believes in doing the right thing and people respect her for that. They think because she stood up for her brothers she has done a very brave thing. They may be afraid to join her but that doesn't mean they wouldn't like to.

Dad, I think you're a really intelligent guy. Change your mind. Come on. A man should never be afraid to undo what he has done. It would do the school a world of good to show that you're not rigid. I know you can be open-minded if you want to be.

He takes a deep breath.

If you expel her dad, I'll never forgive you. I'll never respect you again. If you expel Agatha, you'll have to expel me too.

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