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## Medea Study Guide

### Comprehension questions:

- 1) At the beginning of Jason and Medea's marriage, there was peace and harmony. What did Medea do to cause this peace?
- 2) Things have drastically changed, though. Why have things changed, and what is the present situation in Jason and Medea's household?
- 3) What news does Tutor bring to Nurse?
- 4) What does the Nurse seem scared of Medea doing?
- 6) What message does the Chorus have for Medea?
- 7) How does Medea describe her own feelings to the Chorus?
- 8) Medea describes the difficult life of a woman. Summarize her speech here.
- 9) According to Medea, what makes her situation even worse than a woman of Corinth who has been cheated on?
- 10) What does Creon announce when he comes to see Medea?

11) What are the reasons behind Creon's decree?

12) What arguments does Medea make to Creon to let her stay in Corinth?

13) What does Creon swear to Medea?

14) What does Medea reveal in her speech to the Chorus after Creon leaves?

15) What does Jason blame Medea for?

16) Medea recounts her life with Jason. Why does she do this? What is the point she is making here?

17) How does Jason defend himself to Medea?

18) Does Medea believe him? Why or why not?

19) What does Medea offer Aegeus in return for shelter?

20) What does Aegeus agree to?

21) Summarize Medea's plan in your own words.

22) After the Chorus hears Medea's plan, what is their judgment of her?

23) Explain Medea's internal conflict on pages 99-101.

24) According to Medea, why does man (and woman) act evilly?

25) What does Medea say to the messenger that is a sign of how truly evil she is?

26) Why does Medea decide that she must kill her children?

27) What does the Chorus predict for Medea?

28) When Jason enters, how does he find Medea?

29) According to Jason, what is true about Medea that could have allowed her to kill her own children?

30) What is the last thing Jason wants from Medea? Does she grant him this? Why or why not?