**Athens in Tragedy**

**Euripides Children of Heracles** (c. 430 BC)

**90ff**
Iolaus, Chorus Herald: Heracles’ sons lead by cousin Iolaus: telling Theban herald respect suppliants according to the gods.

**303ff**
Iolaus: Ath only protecting state; tells children never attack Ath; Ath enemies with Pelasgian race.

**1027ff**
Eurystheus: Ath did not kill prisoner; therefore will protect Ath under Attica; predicted Spartans.

**Sophocles Oedipus at Colonus**

**260ff**
Oedipus: Ath pious, sheltered strangers, seeking same kindness.

**1006ff**
Oed: Ath worships best.

**1520ff**
Oed (to Thes): Place Oed must die act as defence.

**Herodotus Histories 9.27** (450-420s BC)
Achievements of Ath over Arcadians – right to place of honour: accepted Heraclidae after rejected from other Greek states & against Tegs; vanquished Pelop, Eurystheus, Amazons, Troy; buried Args; previous achievements not important; deserves because of Marathon.

**Isocrates Panegyricus 54ff** (390 begun, 380 published)
Power shown through Ath’s requests; omit recent instances, historical – before Troy, children of Heracles, Adrastus; high quality leadership.

**Thucydides 2.40 Pericles’ Funeral Speech** (delivered in 431/0 BC)
Better than other places; do don’t receive good; reliable friendship because of debt and gratitude; are kind for the sake of it.