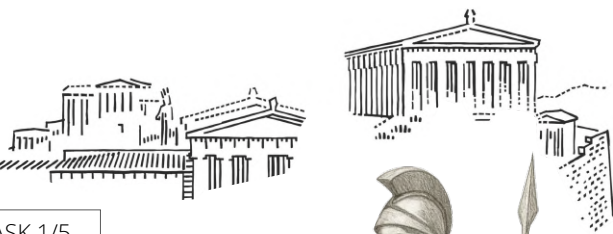


LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE



CHARACTER: CLISTHENES

TASK 1/5

My name is Clisthenes, and I am 16 years old. I am training to enter the ephebate, the mandatory military service that all young Athenians must complete. My father was a soldier, and he always tells stories of brave battles against the Spartans. I want to be like him, even though sometimes I don't fully understand what «war» really means. I imagine myself fighting with courage, earning the respect of others... and, most of all, of my father.

I train every day with other boys my age: we run, lift weights, and learn to handle the spear and the shield. I get excited when I think that one day I will defend Athens. Sometimes I am a bit impulsive and get into trouble for talking too much or trying too hard to show off. But I am sure of one thing: I will not give up. I am determined to become a good soldier.



- **NAME**
Clisthenes
- **OCCUPATION**
In preparation for the military service
- **AGE**
16 years old
- **RESIDENCE**
Athenian army camp on the outskirts

1 ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Where does he live?

What does he do?

What does he like or worry about?

Do you like him or not? why?

What would you ask him if you met him?

2 WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What qualities are needed to be a good soldier?



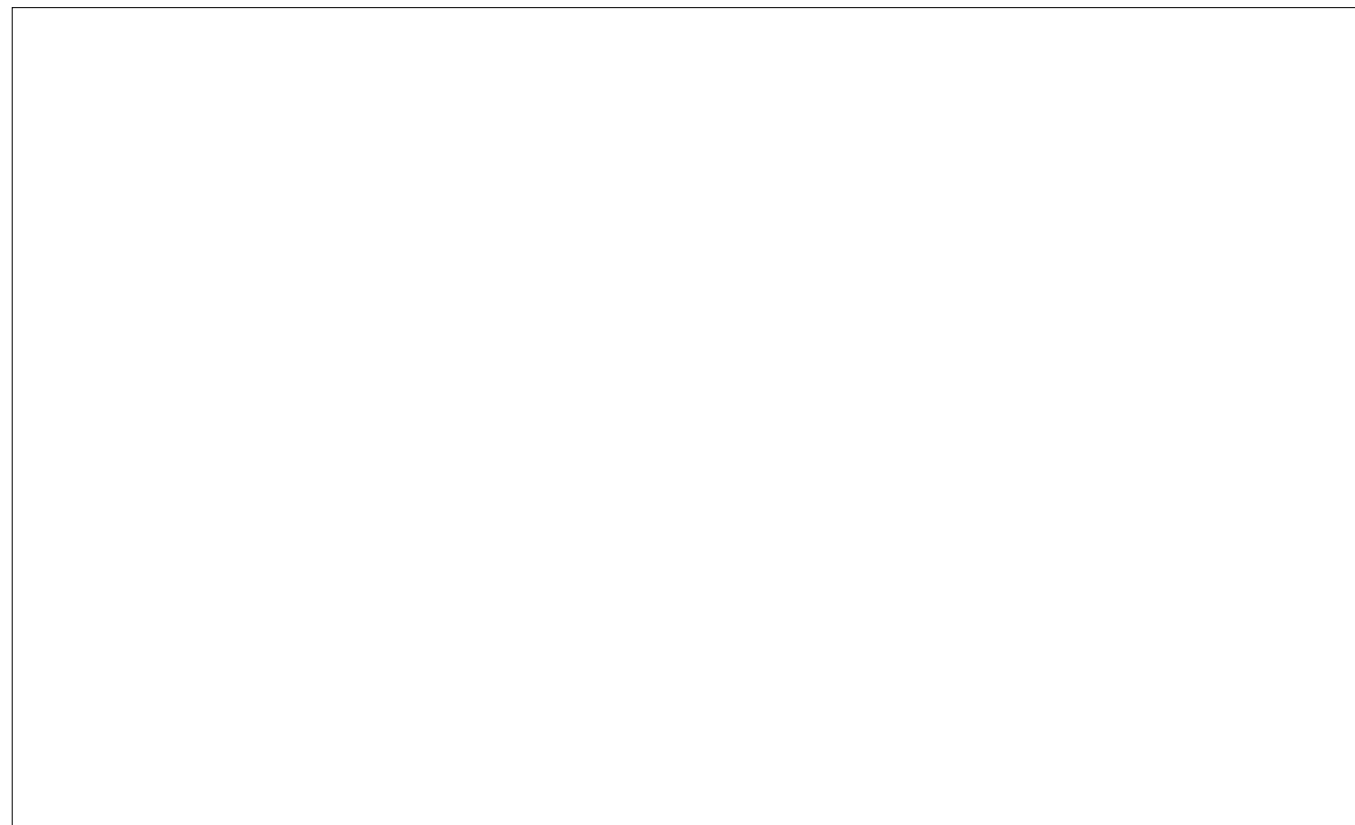
Would you like to train like Clisthenes to become a soldier? Why?

Do you think he truly understands what war is?

What would you say if he were your friend and told you he wanted to go to war?

3 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: DRAW

Imagine the space where Clisthenes is preparing for the ephebic training. Is it an open field? Are there hills, practice weapons, other young men? What is the atmosphere like there?



4 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: WRITE

What might Clisthenes say before entering imaginary combat or after finishing a day of training?
