



## 1 CARTOONS WITH DILEMMAS

Imagine what Clisthenes might think in these situations. Write what you think he would do or feel in each case:

During training, Clisthenes suffers a minor injury. The instructor tells him he can rest, but he wants to continue. What will he do?

His father tells him a harsh story about war and suffering. Clisthenes begins to have doubts: is war really as glorious as he thought? How will he feel?

A friend tells him he prefers studying philosophy instead of training for war. How will Clisthenes react?

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## 2 CLISTHENES' FEELINGS

What does Clisthenes feel when...? Write one sentence for each situation, as if you were Clisthenes.

- ...he receives praise for his effort during training.

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- ...he fails at an exercise he thought he had mastered.

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- ...he imagines Athens in danger and feels he can protect it.

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- ...he realizes that being a soldier is not just about fighting, but also about having responsibility.

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- ...he dreams of being a hero... but also fears the unknown.

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### 3 CREATIVE ACTIVITY: A PERSONAL LETTER

Imagine that Clisthenes writes a letter to his father, sharing his emotions while training for the ephebic service. You can start like this. Continue the letter by talking about his effort, his fears, his dreams, and his desire to be strong in both body and spirit:

*Dear Father, every day I train thinking of you, and of what you have taught me about courage and honor. Sometimes my whole body aches, but in my heart beats the hope of being worthy of our city and of your trust...*

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