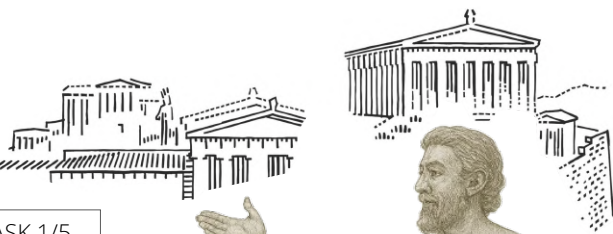


LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE



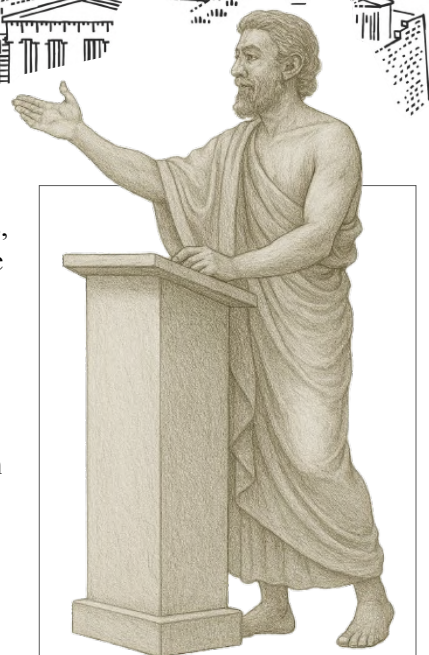
CHARACTER: DEMETRIOS

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My name is Demetrios, I was born in Athens and I am a free citizen. That means I can speak and vote in the Assembly. And speak I do! I love debating ideas, giving speeches, and convincing others. Sometimes, when they applaud me, I feel like I am on top of the world. I am convinced that democracy is the best system there is: citizens must decide together what is best for the city. That's why I never miss a meeting at the Pnyx, where the debates are held. Some say I am too proud... but shouldn't one be sure of what one thinks?

I live in a large house with my wife, my young son, and several slaves. Not everyone can vote in Athens, only free men born here. That makes me feel responsible: I speak for those who cannot.

When I am not at the Assembly, I like to walk around the Agora and discuss the decisions with other citizens. Politics is everywhere: in the temples, in the theaters, at banquets. And I always want to be at the center of everything..



- **NAME**
Demetrios of Philopappos
- **OCCUPATION**
Politician and orator in the Assembly of Athens
- **AGE**
45 years old
- **RESIDENCE**
Upper neighborhood of Athens, near the Acropolis

1 WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW ABOUT DEMETRIOS?

What does Demetrios do for living?

Where does the Assembly of Athens meet?

What things does Demetrios like?

Why does he say that he speaks for those who can't speak?

Do you think Demetrios is a humble person? why?

2 WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you lived in Athens, do you think you would go to the Assembly? why?

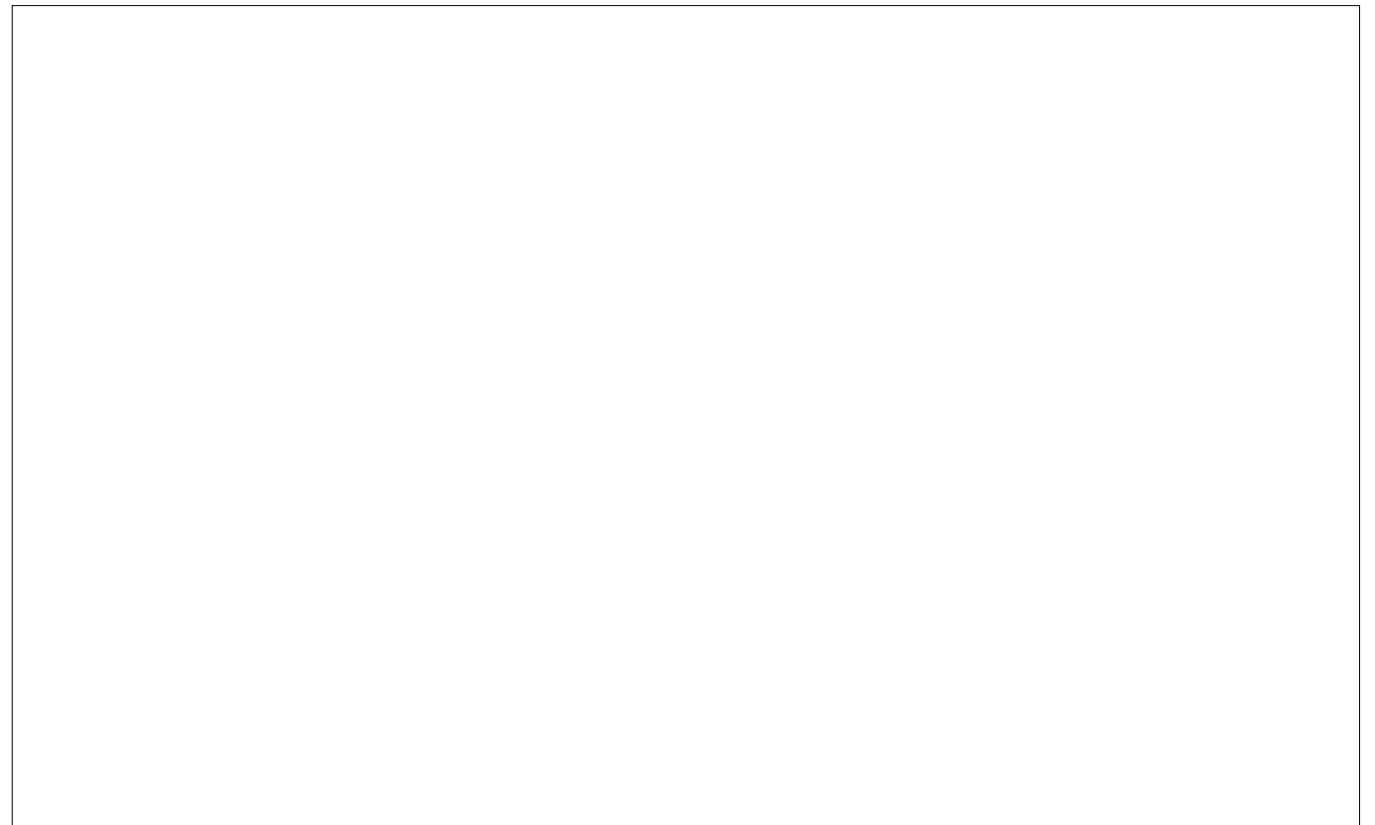


What are the advantages and disadvantages of a democracy like that of Athens?

Is there anything you agree with Demetrios on? And anything you don't?

3 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: DRAW

Draw the scene of Demetrios speaking passionately in the Assembly, with the other citizens listening.



4 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: WRITE

Write a sentence that Demetrios could say in a debate:
