



1 CARTOONS WITH DILEMMAS

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

Today in the Assembly, Demetrios has heard a proposal he doesn't like but knows is fair. What will he do: support it or keep defending his own idea?

A humble citizen asks him to speak in the Assembly about an injustice. But helping him could cost him popularity among his wealthy friends. What will he decide?

After a very passionate speech, a group of citizens applauds Demetrios, but another group criticizes him harshly. How will he feel? How will he react?

2 DEMETRIOS'S FEELINGS

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

- ..the Assembly approves a law he has defended.

- ...someone publicly accuses him of being too proud.

- ...he sees his young son running around the Agora and thinks about the future of Athens.

- ...he hears a philosopher say that speeches are not always more important than actions.

- ...he remembers the sacrifices he made to become a respected citizen.



3 CREATIVE ACTIVITY: A PERSONAL LETTER

Imagine that Demetrios writes a letter to his young son, explaining why he believes it is important to participate in the political life of Athens. You can start like this. Continue the letter by expressing his ideas about duty, politics, bravery, and dreams for the future.

Dear son, today I spoke in the Assembly to defend an idea I believe is just. It's not always easy, and sometimes one feels alone, but always remember: a citizen has the duty to think not only of himself, but of the good of the whole city...

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