

## PROJECT

# LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE



## CHARACTER: ΕΥΜΑΕΥΣ

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Greetings from the port of Piraeus! My name is Eumaeus, I am 39 years old, and I am a merchant. I come from Naxos, a beautiful island full of vineyards, but for some time now I have settled here, in the bustling port of Athens. I spend my days selling wine, oil, and pottery, and talking with sailors, customers, merchants... and even foreigners! I have learned several languages, and I love listening to and telling stories. Sometimes people say I talk too much, but I say that talking is part of the business.

My dream is to open my own shop inside the city, near the Agora, and not have to depend solely on the port market. I'm always thinking of new ways to earn a few more drachmas. I love watching people, learning how they negotiate, and above all, enjoying the constant movement of Piraeus: it's like a city within a city, full of scents, accents, and secrets.

## 1 WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EUMAEUS?

Where does he live?

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Where does he come from?

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What does he do for living?

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What does he like or worry about?

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What question would you ask him if you met him?

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## 2 WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would be the advantages and disadvantages of living among ships and goods?

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- **NAME**  
Eumaeus
- **OCCUPATION**  
Merchant of wine, oil and pottery
- **AGE**  
39 years old
- **RESIDENCE**  
Neighborhood of Piraeus, south of Athens

Do you think it is easy to be a merchant in Ancient Greece? Why?

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What qualities do you need to be a good merchant?

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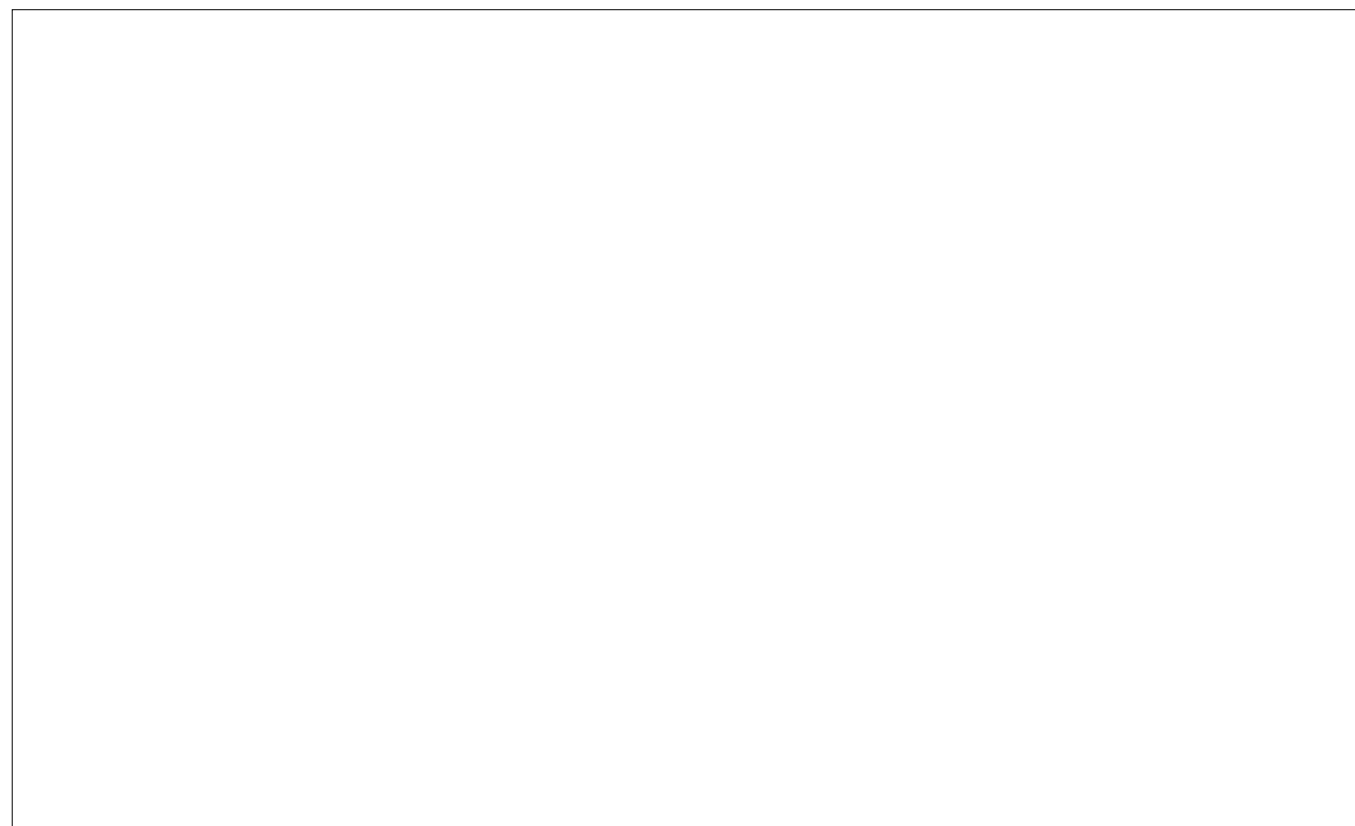
What would you sell if you had a stall at the port?

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### **3 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: DRAW**

Draw his house or his workplace: Can you imagine what Eumaeus' stall at the port looks like? Does he have a canopy to protect his amphorae from the sun? Where does he store the wine? What would his house be like if he manages to open his shop in the city?



### **4 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: WRITE**

Think about how Eumaeus speaks. What might he say while negotiating with a customer or when seeing a ship full of goods arrive?

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