

## PROJECT

# LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE



## CHARACTER: TIMEA

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My name is Timea, and I live in Athens, in a house with a courtyard, together with my husband, who is a merchant, and my sister-in-law, who helps me with the household chores. From the outside, I seem like an ordinary woman, busy with wool, children, and meals. But inside, I am someone else. I dream of learning.

As a child, I asked more questions than I spoke. But soon, they taught me that women should not ask questions, and even less study philosophy. How unfair! So I do what I can: when my husband is away on business, I lock myself in the back room and read the scrolls lent to me by a friend whose brother is a teacher. I learned to read by secretly observing, and I have no intention of stopping.

I admire Socrates. I would love to sit in a corner of the Agora and listen to him, even if I had to disguise myself as a slave so that no one would chase me away. I truly believe that women can think, reason, and teach. And even if I must do it in secret, I will continue learning, letter by letter, idea by idea.



- **NAME**  
Timea
- **OCCUPATION**  
Wife of a merchant  
(and secret apprentice)
- **AGE**  
28 years old
- **RESIDENCE**  
Middle-class neighborhood  
of Athens

## 1 WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW ABOUT TIMEA?

Where does she live? with who?

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What does she do during the day?

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What does she like or worry about??

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Do you like her or not? Why?

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What question would you ask her if you met her?

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## 2 WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think it's fair that Timea can't go to school because she's a woman?

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Have you ever really wanted to learn something, even if others didn't support you?

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Do you think ideas can change the world, like Timea believes? why?

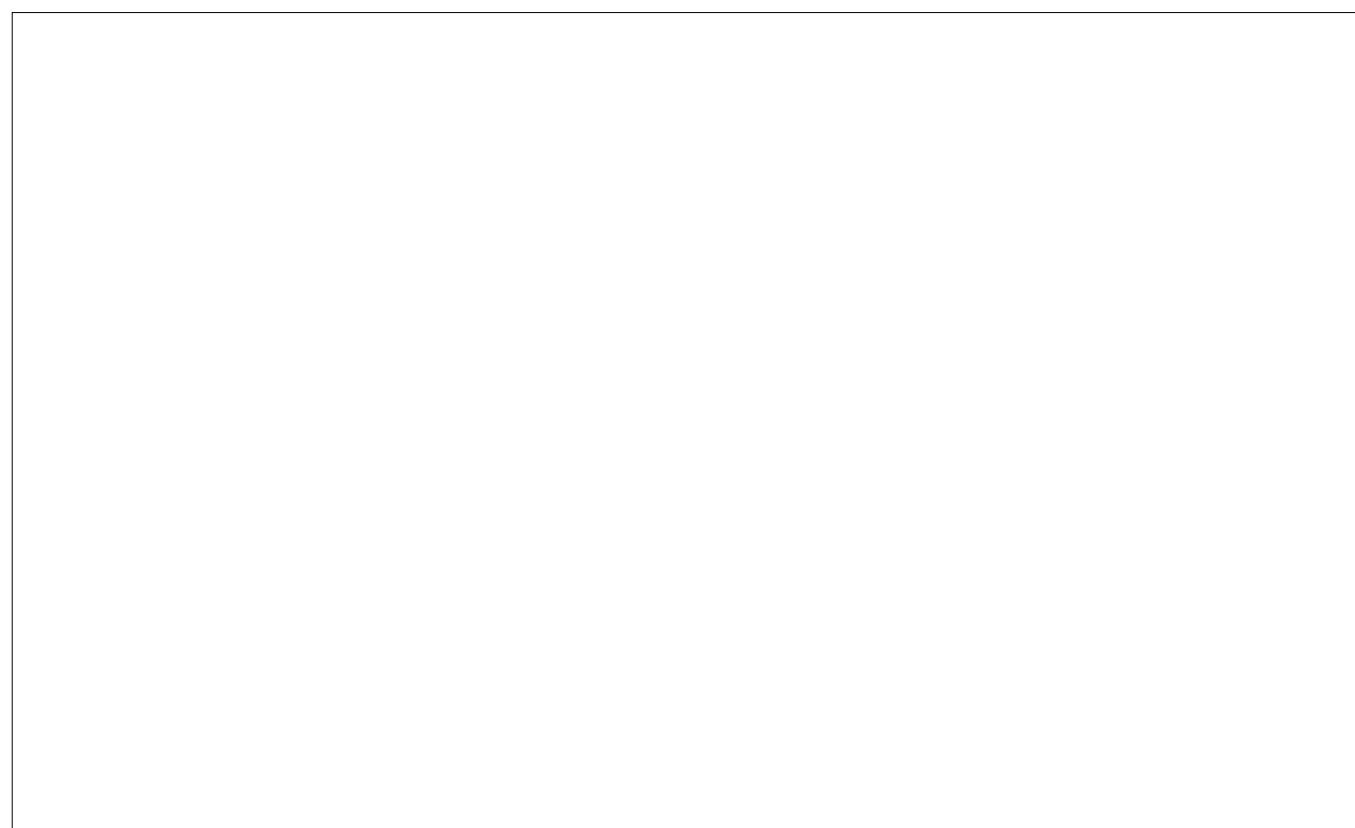
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### **3 LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY: DRAW**

Draw the corner where Tímea hides to read.



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

Write a sentence she might say:

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