

**Questions:**  
**Intro to the Seven Sages (Part 2: The Golden Tripod)**

1. Upon remembering an oracle that the golden tripod would be a cause of conflict, Helen cast it into the sea, but *how* did the golden tripod become a cause of conflict?
2. Why did the fishermen believe that *they* should get to keep the golden tripod?
3. Why did the merchants believe that *they* should get to keep the golden tripod?

4. In your opinion, who should have kept the golden tripod: the *fishermen* or the *merchants*?  
Explain your answer in *at least three* complete sentences.
5. Why did the leaders of Cos and the leaders of Miletus agree that the golden tripod should be given to Thales of Miletus?
6. Why did Thales of Miletus give the golden tripod to Bias of Priene? Likewise, why did Bias refuse to keep the golden tripod? More generally, why did each one of the Seven Sages refuse to keep the golden tripod?

7. According to the Golden Tripod legend, who were the Seven Sages of Greece?

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8. *Why* was it wise for each one of the Seven Sages to have given the golden tripod to someone else? In other words, *why* was it wise for each one of the Seven Sages to have refused to keep the golden tripod?

9. Why did each one of the Seven Sages believe that keeping the golden tripod would be a cause of conflict?

10. According to the Golden Tripod legend, who is the wisest of all? **Write their name.**

(Hint: After each one of the Seven Sages had refused to keep the golden tripod, how was the problem finally solved?)