

## Unit 2 - Classwork 6: The Contest of Homer & Hesiod

In order to help you answer these questions, see pages 55—57 in Unit 2.

1. According to Homer, can pain ever be good? Why or why not? Explain.  
(Hint: In the *Contest of Homer and Hesiod*, pain is only mentioned three times, and Homer is the only one who ever mentions pain.)
2. According to Homer, why might it be unjust and uncourageous to be selfish?
3. According to Homer, why might it be unwise to desire things that are impossible to have?
4. What is *eudaemonia*? In other words, what does “εὐδαιμονία” mean in English?

5. According to Homer, what is necessary for happiness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. In the epic poetry contest between Homer and Hesiod, why did Hesiod *win*?  
In the epic poetry contest between Homer and Hesiod, why did Homer *lose*?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. In the epic poetry contest between Homer and Hesiod, what prize did Hesiod win?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What did Hesiod do with his prize?  
(Hint: After losing the epic poetry contest to Hesiod, Homer was awarded a silver bowl, and Homer did the exact same thing with his silver bowl that Hesiod had done with the prize that he'd won for winning the epic poetry contest against Homer.)