Unit 10 - Homework 1: Protagoras & Pericles

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In order to answer the following questions, read pages 14—15 in Unit 10. On those pages, you will read the Epitimus story in Plutarch's *Live of Pericles*. While they were spectators attending a javelin-throw contest, Protagoras and Pericles also ended up as witnesses to the accidental death of their fellow-spectator Epitimus. Indeed during the javelin-throw contest, one of the athletes accidentally killed Epitimus with a javelin, and then Pericles and Protagoras spent the rest of the day investigating the question of what *mainly* caused the accidental death of poor Epitimus.

(i) In your opinion, was the *javelin* the main cause of death?
Why or why not? Explain.

(ii) In your opinion, was the *athlete* the main cause of death?
Why or why not? Explain.

(iii) In your opinion, were the *contest organizers* the main cause of death?
Why or why not? Explain.

(iv) In your opinion, were the *spectators* the main cause of death?
Why or why not? Explain.

(v) In your opinion, was poor *Epitimus* the main cause of his own death?
Why or why not? Explain.