

## Unit 13 - Classwork 3: The *Republic* (Book VIII)

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 8 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 17–25 in Unit 13.

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1. According to Socrates, why might someone think that courage and temperance are mutually-exclusive? (Hint: See pages 20—22 in Unit 13.)
2. According to Socrates, should it be illegal for poor people to lead everyone else? Why or why not? Explain. (Hint: Think of the ‘ship of state’ metaphor.)
3. On pages 23—24 of Unit 13, how does Socrates seem to be referring to Solon? (See pages 36—37 of Unit 3.)
4. In light of what he said in Book 8 of Plato’s *Republic* (on pages 23—24 of Unit 13), what kind of government did Socrates think Solon was creating?

5. What are the three reasons why a would-be tyrant would want to wage war?

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

6. How is a tyrant like the exact opposite of a physician (or medical doctor)?

7. According to Socrates, there are two ways that a tyrant can stay in power.

(i) According to Socrates, how can a tyrant use *foreigners* to stay in power?

(ii) According to Socrates, how can a tyrant use *locals* to stay in power?