

**Unit 16 - Classwork 4: The “Melian Dialogue” (by Thucydides)**

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In order to answer the following questions, read pages 14–18 in Unit 16.

1. According to the Melians, when is *hopelessness* a mistake?

2. According to the Athenians, when is *hopefulness* a mistake?



6. According to the Melians, why would it be dangerous for the Spartans *not* to protect the Melians from the Athenians? State *both* reasons.

7. According to the Athenians, were the Spartans *mistaken* about justice? Why or why not? Explain.

8. According to the Athenians, why wouldn't the Spartans protect the Melians from the Athenians?

9. According to the Melians, how might the Spartans have been able to free the Melians from the Athenian siege of Melos?

10. According to the Athenians, why wouldn't the Spartans have been able to free the Melians from the Athenian siege of Melos?