

Unit 17 - Classwork 3: Plato's *Gorgias* Dialogue (3)

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In order to answer the following questions, read pages 20–22 in Unit 17.

1. According to Polus, tyrants and orators are powerful. Yet according to him, *how* are they powerful?
2. According to Socrates, how are orators and tyrants alike? (State both reasons.)
3. According to Socrates, is it *always* good for orators and tyrants to do whatever they think is good for them to do? Why or why not? Explain.

4. According to Socrates, if orators and tyrants do what they think is good for them to do, then why might they *not* be so powerful?

5. Socrates disagreed with Polus about what a tyrant is.

- (i) According to Polus, what is a tyrant?

- (ii) According to Socrates, why is Polus mistaken about what a tyrant is?