

2. By casting doubt on reasons for believing in the traditional Greek gods, Xenophanes likely had offended the religious sensibilities of his *milieu*. In our present day *milieu*, atheists often seek to cast doubt on theism (and, more broadly, traditional religious beliefs).
(Note: theism is the opposite of atheism.)

(a) What is an *atheist*? (If you don't know what the word "atheist" means, look it up, and you do *not* need to cite your source.) Or, what is *atheism*? (If you don't know what the word "atheism" means, look it up.)

(b) Was Xenophanes an atheist? *Why* or why *not*? Explain.