

Unit 8 - Classwork 1: The Italian School

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In order to answer the following question, read pages 2—14 in Chapter 8.

1. When his teacher was Xenophanes, young Parmenides was a material dualist.

(i) According to young Parmenides, what were the two ἀρχαί?

(ii) According to young Parmenides, what is the difference between the two ἀρχαί?

2. On at least one occasion, Xenophanes and Pythagoras met in person.

(i) Why did Pythagoras want the man to stop beating the puppy?

(ii) Consider the reason why Pythagoras wanted the man to stop beating the puppy. In your opinion, is that the best reason why someone should not beat a puppy? Why or why not? Explain.

(iii) In your opinion, what *is* the best reason why someone should not beat a puppy? Explain your answer.

(iv) In your opinion, is the best reason not beat a puppy also a good reason not to beat any other kind of animal? Why or why not? Explain.