

Humanities I

Unit 1.

Athens and Its Citizens.

Discussion questions to follow the reading of Chapter 1. and the viewing of the filmstrip A Walk Through Athens also the film: Athens: The Golden Age.

How do the physical surroundings in Athens compare with those of an important modern city?

How do daily activities in Athens compare with those in a modern city? What modern medias are missing, yet accounted for by other means?

What would you look for during a tour of Athens to determine whether or not the city provided for a good life?

Is there evidence of slums, poverty, overcrowding or human misery of any kind in the material you have so far studied?

Can you apply to modern city planning any of the principles by which Athenians attempted to make their physical environment contribute to the good life?

What are your opinions on the city center as an attraction for the main body of people to congregate for meeting and appreciation of art displays, political gatherings etc.?