

Thucydides 5.84-116 and 6.1-87 questions:

Summarize the arguments of the Melians and Athenians. What might have happened if the Athenians had been able to speak before the whole Melian people? Does the example of Salaethus arming the Mytilenians offer us a hint? (5.84-116)

What does Nicias have to say about the proposed Sicilian expedition? Why does he want the Athenians to reconsider? (6.9ff.)

What does Alcibiades have to say about the proposed Sicilian expedition? Why does he want the Athenians to go through with it? (6.16ff.)

What does Hermocrates want the Syracusans to do, faced with the possibility of an Athenian invasion of Sicily? Why does he see the Athenians as a threat? (6.33ff.)

What does Athenagoras want the Syracusans to do? Why does he take the threat of Athenian invasion so lightly? (6.36ff.)

What does the Syracusan Hermocrates say to the people of Camarina? Why should they reject alliance with Athens? (6.76ff.)

What does the Athenian Euphemus say to the people of Camarina? Why should they embrace alliance with Athens? (6.81ff.)