



## Unit 19

### What is the Goal of Education

#### READING QUESTIONS

- These questions should be answered **while** reading the **Socratic Discussion** material for this unit.
  - Answers should make use of complete sentences as well as good grammar, spelling, word choice, and so forth.
  - Write your answers in below, so you have quick reference to use during the discussion.
  - Review your answers before discussing to ensure that you are ready.
1. What is the problem that Strepsiades has at the beginning of the play? And, what is the cause of this problem?

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2. How does he resolve to fix it?

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3. What is Strepsiades' son's name? Does he go along with the plan? What does this lead Strepsiades to do?

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4. With what knowledge do the disciples at the school first impress Strepsiades?

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5. What are the chorus members supposed to represent?

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6. Strepsiades comes up with 3 schemes to escape debt. What are they?

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7. Why does Socrates kick Strepsiades out of his school?

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8. Who are the two causes that Phidippides is supposed to learn from?

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9. After their initial jabs, the Clouds intervene in the debate between the two causes and ask them to speak one at a time about education. In a few sentences, describe the education that the first cause to speak lays out.

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10. The second cause to speak makes several arguments in response to the first cause. Ultimately, he uses a clever argument about blackguards that causes the first cause to give up and leave. What is the argument?

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11. Strepsiades deals with the creditors rather rudely when they arrive. He then has a disagreement with his son. What happens after this?

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12. How does Phidippides justify his actions toward his father?

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13. What does Strepsiades do in the end?

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**LITERARY CONCEPT**

- Complete this task while reading the **Socratic Discussion Reading**.
- Memorize concepts; you will be quizzed in the future.

FOR MEMORIZATION\*:

**Comedy** = in general, a story that ends with a happy resolution of the conflicts faced by the main character or characters

TASK:

What is the difference between this definition and the idea of comedy that we usually think of today? Give your answer in a very brief paragraph.

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\*Source – We drew some inspiration from this useful list:  
<http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/16378/AP%20LITERARY%20TERMS.pdf>