

TWELFTH SESSION



PEOPLE'S COURT OF ATHENS,
399 BCE

PORTFOLIO GUIDE





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This guide lists the final portfolio allocations for the committee ‘People’s Court of Athens’. The distribution ensures a balanced and dynamic simulation: some delegates support Socrates, some stand against him, and some remain neutral or undecided. Each portfolio reflects a unique perspective within Athenian society, offering delegates a chance to explore the moral, political, and philosophical tensions surrounding the trial of Socrates.

Use this guide to inform your speeches, alliances, and voting behavior throughout the trial.



FOR SOCRATES

S.No	PORTFOLIO	ROLE / DESCRIPTION	NOTES / IMPORTANCE
1	Plato	Philosopher, disciple of Socrates	Idealist; sees Athens punishing reason itself.
2	Lysias	Orator and logographer	Advocates free speech and rational justice.
3	Xenothanes	Elderly poet and musician	Romantic supporter of intellectual
4	Aeschines of Sphetos	Philosopher, Socratic student	Loyal disciple; defends Socratic method
5	Hestines	Worker at Eleusis	Believes every citizen deserves voice; supports free expression.
6	Manythus	Young Eupatrid	Admires Socrates' intellectual courage
7	Periphon	Wealthy telônai	Personally loyal to Socrates.
8	Plasthenes	Craftsman from Kerameikos	Defends reason against superstition.
9	Argoventi	Sophist historian	Respects rational inquiry; sympathetic to Socratic ideals.
10	Parystus	Piraeus dockworker	Charismatic supporter; admires Socrates' wisdom and humor.
11	Euclid of Megara	Philosopher and Socratic student	Loyal Sophist student descending his teacher's philosophy.
12	Crito of Alopecce	Close friend of Socrates and benefactor	Deeply loyal; practical defender of Socrates' moral integrity.



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13	Deodanes	Theatre owner, religious skeptic	Supports Socratic questioning of superstition.
14	Nericus	Elderly poet and musician	Anti-democracy, sympathizes with Socratic critique of mob rule



AGAINST SOCRATES

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1	Meletus	Chief accuser	Sees Socrates as corrupter of youth.
2	Anytus	Co-accuser	Democrat; believes Socrates undermines civic virtue
3	Lycon	Co-accuser	Populist orator; defends tradition and faith.
4	Polycrates	Athenian sophist	Rival rhetorician; jealous of Socratic fame.
5	Syriccus	Priest of Athena	Outraged by impiety.
6	Eliasthon	Zealot democrat	Sees Socrates as anti-democratic threat.
7	Hecronothos	Priest of Demeter	Religious conservative; condemns Socratic doubt.
8	Kohlephon	Trader and owner of helots	Hates philosophers' arrogance.
9	Karcres	Veteran hoplite	Blames Socrates' students (Critias, Alcibiades) for tyranny.
10	Erenthenias	Cattle rearer	Fears philosophers' elitism.
11	Theocrates	Newly enfranchised citizen	Sees Socrates as threat to equality.
12	Thyricus	Elderly democrat	Believes philosophy leads to rebellion.



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13	Klymenes	Blacksmith	Distrusts idle talkers; favors piety
14	Solocres	Naval shipwright	Fears return of tyranny; resents Socratic influence.



NEUTRAL / UNDECIDED

Over time, the portfolio should form its own opinion or stance on the trial, based on a thorough and balanced evaluation of both sides. This process allows for a reasoned conclusion, grounded in the analysis of the arguments. Hence, no specific role description is given, allowing the portfolio to remain neutral and arrive at its own informed judgment.

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1	Areston	Olympian athlete	Respected figure; values reason and fairness.
2	Cletanon	Thessalian cavalryman	Prioritizes Athens' security; open to persuasion
3	Pyraeche	Wealthy metic	Pragmatic merchant; favors peace and order.
4	Helicles	Trireme sailor	Distrusts elites; torn between order and truth.
5	Brenitus	Oracle interpreter	Torn between faith and reason.
6	Creto	Student of rival sophist school	Philosophically neutral; admires logic but questions method.
7	Thrasybulus	Major Athenian political leader	Survivor of the Thirty Tyrants, rational thinker listening to both factions.



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