

1. It's your wedding day. You are a fourteen-year-old-girl and today you have met your thirty-year-old husband for the first time. You are proud because your father offered a large dowry for your hand in marriage, and you're looking forward to bearing a son for your new husband. Unfortunately, a year later you die giving birth to your first child.
2. You are a priest to Zeus, and you spend your days offering animal sacrifices to the Master of Olympus. Once the animals are killed, you examine their organs. If the organs are damaged or diseased, it means bad events lie in the future. If the organs are healthy, this means good things lie ahead. After every sacrifice, the meat of the animal is cooked, and worshippers are invited to partake in the feast.
3. You are a dead Athenian. Unfortunately, your relatives forgot to properly bury you. When you reached the River Styx in the Underworld, Charon the Boatman demanded a coin from you. Since you did have the coin that your family should have placed in your mouth, you must wait on the banks of the Styx for one-hundred years.
4. You are a female professional mourner. Families hire you to attend the funeral of a loved one and moan piteously. You are quite good at your profession, and as a symbol of your constant mourner, you keep your hair cropped close to your head.
5. You are a Greek general who has won many battles. After a recent battle against a detested enemy, you did not allow your soldiers to bury the enemy dead. When you returned to Athens, you were court-martialed and sentenced to drink hemlock.
6. You are a Greek wife, and much to your husband's consternation, you have not produced a male heir. Your husband dies suddenly, and your house and your wealth becomes the property of your husband's brother. Since he has always been jealous of your husband, your brother-in-law turns you and your family out into the street. You curse Hera, the goddess of child-birth, for not allowing you to bear a son.

7. You are a male tragic actor known for your effective portrayals of women. During performances you wear a female mask and talk in a high voice to create a feminine illusion. In one play you play Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, who is supposed to fly in suspended by a crane. The rope tying you to the crane snaps and you break your neck.
8. You are a professional athlete. You spend enormous amounts of money journeying from one set of games to another. Ten months out of the year you spend training for the pentathlon. You love boxing, but it is considered too dangerous for the pentathlon, so you enter boxing contests on the side. In the Olympics you win first in the pentathlon, and all your hard work pays off.
9. You are a rich young man, but you've grown dissatisfied with life. You decide to become a student of Socrates, who preaches that wisdom is the key to happiness. You begin to question the government and the war with Sparta that has sent many young men to their deaths. Your father, embarrassed by his philosopher son, threatens to disown you. You are shocked when Socrates is charged with treason for corrupting the youth of Athens. You are even more shocked when he commits suicide rather than admit he has done anything wrong.
10. You are a woman in Sparta, and you enjoy enormous freedom compared to women in other parts of Greece. You are allowed to participate in athletic contests and wear revealing tunics. Rather than being your master, your husband is your equal and consults you in all major decisions. You are proud to be a fierce Spartan woman.
11. You are a young Athenian boy whose father is rich enough to send you to school every day. You are accompanied by your pedagogue, a slave who carries a stick and keeps you in line. At school you are forced to memorize long passages from the *Iliad* and recite them on command. You are also trained to play the lyre, a six-stringed harp.
12. You are a young boy in Sparta and are in training to become a warrior. You sleep on a hard floor with the other boys in training in a room without a roof, exposed to the elements. You wear only a flimsy garment to protect you from the cold. One day you get a fever and it intensifies. Rather than worrying over you, your father and mother are embarrassed. As you die of pneumonia, you hear your parents commenting that they are ashamed to have bred such a weakling.

13. You are a young boy in Sparta and have just entered training. Like the other boys you are practically starved, and in order to survive you must steal food from the agora. One day you are caught, and your training instructor beats you severely—not for stealing, but for getting caught.
14. You are a young boy who had a great life until slave-traders abducted you from your home. They dragged you to Athens where you were sold to the foreman of a mineral mine. Your job becomes digging in the Athens mines day and night, and you wish for an early death. One day the tunnel you are digging in collapses, and you suffocate.
15. You are a young girl in Sparta and it is your wedding night. A slave has shaved your head and dressed you in men's clothing. You lie down and wait for your husband. You know the ritual: at some point in the night, he will sneak into the room and share the night with you. From this point on, you will only see each other under the cover of darkness.
16. You are a young Greek man who enjoys boxing. Boxing is considered very dangerous because there are very few rules. Boxers are allowed to put pieces of iron or bits of pottery between their fingers before they are wrapped. Your face is disfigured from many fights. One day you take a severe beating and lose too much blood. At least you died an athlete.
17. You are a young man living on the Island of Cos, studying under Hippocrates who has developed a branch of learning. Your mother died of a disease, and everyone you knew blamed it on the anger of the gods. You had your doubts, and you sought out Hippocrates, who preaches that there is scientific reason behind illnesses.
18. You are an Athenian hoplite (soldier) and part of a phalanx. You were there when the 300 Spartans made their stand against the invading Persians. Because you stuck close to those who stood next to you, your phalanx-line held and the invaders were impaled upon your spears. Your two years of military service are over, and you return home a free man.
19. You are an Athenian orator and become very powerful in the Greek democratic system. Unfortunately, you are involved in a scandal when you bribe citizens to secretly drop two voting rocks into the jar instead of one. You are removed from public office and banished from the city.

20. You are the wife of a wealthy man, but secretly you've been carrying on an affair with your neighbor. Your husband discovers your infidelity and kills you and your lover with an axe. In the courts, all charges are dismissed since you were, in fact, cheating on your husband.
21. You are a young boy who used to live in Thebes until soldiers from Athens conquered your city. They killed your father and dragged you and your brothers and sisters away to Athens. Now you spend your days rowing in an Athenian warship until your hands crack and bleed from the work. During a naval battle another warship rams its prow into your ship, and you are crushed.
22. You do not live in Greece, but you live in a faraway colony founded by Alexander the Great. Because of his method of colonization, you are exposed to Greek philosophy, literature, and art. It becomes your goal to travel to Athens and see the great philosophers before you die. The roads to Athens are very dangerous though, and along the path, you are waylaid and killed by robbers.
23. You are a wealthy young man living in Athens. You have already completed your two years of mandatory military service and are enjoying the bachelor life that Athens has to offer. During the festival of Dionysus, you enjoy nothing more than going to the all-day performances of plays. Watching Sophocles' newest tragedy *Oedipus Rex* helps you forget your own troubles. One day you happen to see an owl flying during the day, and, sure enough, you die a week later.
24. You are a young athlete who enters the chariot-racing event at the Olympic games. You placed second months earlier at the Pythian games, and you hope to prove yourself here. The newly-constructed Hippodrome at Olympia is beautiful, and as the race begins you feel the thrill of competition. Unfortunately, your chariot loses a wheel during the third lap and you are thrown to the ground, beneath the hooves of trampling horses.
25. You are a new-born baby in Sparta. Directly after birth you are inspected by the elders of the city. They find that your legs are malformed. Rather than letting you pollute the noble Spartan blood-line, they throw you into a canyon to die.

26. You are a young Spartan boy in training. You are so hungry that one day when you find a fox cub, you sneak it inside your tunic. Your goal is to eat it later, but your training instructor calls the trainees to attention. Rather than risk being punished for hiding the fox, you pretend that it is not hidden in your cloak. As the instructor begins inspection, the fox starts to claw at your stomach. You try to ignore the pain, and it soon becomes excruciating. Much to everyone's surprise you fall forward with your stomach bitten through. As you die, you are proud that you were strong enough to resist crying out.
27. You are a young Greek girl, but you reject your traditional female role and refuse to marry. You do not want to be a slave to your husband. Because of your decision to be a free-spirit, you are a social outcast. You dedicate your life to Artemis, who also rejected conventional female roles. You decide to journey into the wilderness and live off the land like the wild-woman many perceive you to be.