**UNIT 3: ON …DUTY**

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**(σύνδεσμος για το βιβλίο)**

In this unit students can acquire knowledge of current affairs as well as the double meaning of the word “duty”. They are introduced an extract of a news report about an incident that took place in France.

**Questions**

1. Who are the main characters of the incident?
2. Where did it happen?
3. What happened? (basic information)
4. Who proposed a solution?
5. What was the reaction of the terrorist**?**
6. How did it end?
7. Was it a heroic action?
8. Was actually the gendarme on…duty? Justify why.
9. Give the definition of the word “duty” (pg.30)
10. Find another word in the text and check its meaning. <https://www.wordreference.com/engr/>

Read the famous poem of Kavafis THERMOPILE in English: (pg.29 in Greek)

**Thermopylae:** **a poem on the good kind of life**  
Honor to those who in the life they lead  
define and guard a Thermopylae.  
Never betraying what is right,  
consistent and just in all they do  
but showing pity also, and compassion;  
generous when they’re rich, and when they’re poor,  
still generous in small ways,  
still helping as much as they can;  
always speaking the truth,  
yet without hating those who lie.  
And even more honor is due to them  
when they foresee (as many do foresee)  
that Ephialtis will turn up in the end,  
that the Medes will break through after all.

The main gist of the poem above: to live a life that’s meaningful and principled.

Watch this video where the actor Sean Connery reads **Kavafis**’ famous poem: ***ITHACA***

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2UDVAC31Zs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2UDVAC31Zs)(with lyrics on the screen)

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl3uKXU6VLI**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl3uKXU6VLI)