

Worksheet: The Character of the king

There is a מחלוקת in the Talmud about Ahashverosh:

רב ושמואל חד אמר מלך פיקח היה וחד אמר מלך טיפש היה (מגילה יב ע"א).

Rav and Shmuel [disagreed]: One said he was a very smart king, and the other said he was a stupid king (Megillah 12a).

Our פרק gives a lot of insight into the character of the king in the Megillah.

What problems does the king face in this פרק? _____

If you were his advisor, how would you advise him to approach this problem? _____

How in fact do his advisors advise him? _____

How does Ahashverosh react to his advisors' advice? Think about the remainder of the story

(especially as to how Ahashverosh relates to Haman throughout). Is he consistent? _____
