

## Notes for *Clouds* (10/2)

### Passages

561-562: self-image of Aristophanes  
the entirety of Scene IX  
734: flea-infested bed  
675: masculine/feminine ending  
various anachronistic words  
640: necessity vs. logic  
270: first encounter of Socrates  
215: Strepsiades comments on geography  
(575: epirrhematic syzygy)  
877: paying Socrates for debt counsel?  
1045: Better/Worse Arguments, criticism of sophists

### Discussion Topics

Strepsiades- stupid or just sarcastic?  
How old is Strepsiades? How old does he act?  
Anachronisms- made for modern readers?  
Vulgarity  
criticisms of Socratic theories  
why criticize so many scientists?  
Dealing with Aristophanes' criticisms  
is this play "all in good humor"? Hidden agenda of Aristophanes?  
Differences from other plays  
Strepsiades = necessity  
rhyming patterns (in English)  
sophists = Worse Argument  
social commentary  
influence on audience  
power of rhetoric  
Socrates = sophist? Why this comparison?