

1. Was Socrates' defense effective?
2. Would you have convicted Socrates?
3. 30 d-e: Socrates argument that his accusers are causing a much greater harm
4. Y-16 33a-d Discuss: I have never been anyone's teacher and define teacher
5. Y-12 28 b-c Occupation that has danger of death
6. Y-15 Socrates makes everyone angry
7. Y-7 21b says he's not wise but tries to show that everyone is less wise than him

#### 1. **Socrates Defense**

- Began well but became cocky
- He's there because of arguments like the one he's using for his defense
  - Socrates chose the ineffective strategy on purpose
  - morals
- Turned everything into moral issue
  - doesn't care about his own family's fate
  - makes an example of himself to better Athens
- Surprising guilty verdict

#### 2.

- We haven't been negatively affected by Socrates
- Arrogance turned jury against him
- Hindsight is 20-20, so we appreciate Socrates' work
- Charges aren't crimes by our standards

- Perhaps he was an example for others
- Keep other sophists in line
- Jury representative of government
  - wronged by Socrates arguments

3.

- Just action is more important than life
- Meletus will have to live with the knowledge of the unjust accusation
- Is Socrates the best?
  - Arrogant and tries to back it up
- Does his arrogant stance really show his arrogance, or is he being genuine?
  - Purpose to make people think
- Claims to know nothing
  - Doesn't stray from his definition of wisdom
    - clue that he's genuine
- In ideal society, his message would be well received, but in reality he's pissing people off
- Y-15 b-c trying to make them mad
  - Remembered more
  - Frustrated with people
- Only lost by 30 out of 500, argument pretty effective
- Kids came to Socrates
  - Society frightened by shifts in children's thought
- No definite conclusion about validity of arguments

- Socrates compared to griot
  - importance of different thought
- Other radicals: Darwin Galileo
  - Maybe ultimately they're right, but society deemed them worthless
  - All experienced persecution
- Kids are the first influenced