



Socrates on Trial

Socrates' trial, as recorded in Plato's *Apology*, unfolds in a sequence of speeches, defenses, and verdicts that reveal both his philosophy and the tension with Athenian society. This activity helps students understand the **order of events** in the trial by arranging them correctly and reflecting on their significance.

Below are ten events from *Apology*, but they are scrambled. Your task is to **number them (1-10)** in the correct order that they occur during Socrates' trial.

1. Socrates explains that his divine sign (daimonion) guided him throughout life. → _____
2. The jury delivers a guilty verdict. → _____
3. Socrates delivers his main defense, rejecting the accusations of corrupting the youth and impiety. → _____
4. Meletus, Anytus, and Lycon formally present their accusations. → _____
5. Socrates refuses to beg or appeal emotionally to the jury. → _____
6. Socrates suggests his "punishment" should be free meals at the Prytaneum. → _____
7. Socrates explains his role as a "gadfly" who awakens Athens. → _____
8. The jury votes on the penalty, and Socrates is sentenced to death.
→ _____
9. Socrates warns that silencing him will not silence the pursuit of truth.
→ _____
10. Socrates accepts his fate calmly, speaking about death and the soul's journey. → _____