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Socrates' Bold Voice

Plato's *Apology* shows Socrates defending himself against serious charges. Yet, instead of pleading for mercy or flattering the jury, he chose to speak with bold honesty and reason. This activity asks you to analyze **why Socrates spoke the way he did**, exploring his motivations and values.

Answer in complete sentences.

1. Why did Socrates refuse to use emotional appeals, such as bringing his children before the jury?

2. What role did Socrates believe the gods (or his daimonion) played in guiding his defense?

3. How did Socrates' belief in virtue shape the way he argued his case?

4. Why did Socrates compare himself to a "gadfly" in his speech?

5. What did Socrates hope to teach Athenians through the way he spoke, even if it led to his death?
