

Chapter 22 - Assignment 1: Xenophon's *Apology* Dialogue – [1]

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In order to answer the following questions, read pages 2–5 in Chapter 22.

1. Three different men accused Socrates of the same crime, and his accusers alleged that he had committed the crime in three different ways.

(i) According to his accusers, which crime did he commit?

(ii) According to his accusers, what is one way that he committed the crime?

(iii) According to his accusers, what is another way that he committed the crime?

(iv) According to his accusers, what is yet another way that he committed the crime?

2. Chaerephon asked Apollo about Socrates. Speaking through the priestess, what did Apollo say about Socrates?

3. In his defense, Socrates submitted evidence.

(i) In order to prove that he believed in the traditional Athenian gods, what evidence did Socrates provide?

(ii) In order to prove that he did not invent new gods, what evidence did Socrates provide?

4. According to Socrates, nobody was more *free*, more *just*, and more *aware* than he was.

(i) According to Socrates, why was nobody more *free* than him?

(ii) According to Socrates, why was nobody more *just* than him?

(iii) According to Socrates, why was nobody more *aware* than him?

(iv) On why nobody juster than he was, Socrates seems to have been talking about the cardinal virtue of justice, but his explanation was very similar to how he previously had described the cardinal virtue of temperance. In Book IV of Plato's *Republic*, how'd Socrates explain what temperance is? (See pages 23–35 Chapter 13.)

5. Socrates had many enemies, such as Meletus, Anytus, and Lycon.

(i) According to Meletus, if Socrates convinces the youth to obey *him* (over their own *parents*), then Socrates corrupts the youth. Yet according to Socrates, how was Meletus mistaken?

(ii) At the trial, Polyeuctus delivered a scathing speech against Socrates, and the speech was authored by someone who clearly disliked Socrates, but its anonymous author wasn't Meletus. According to its author, how did Socrates corrupt the youth?