

Chapter 22 - Assignment 2: Xenophon's *Apology* Dialogue – [2]

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

1. When asked to propose what his punishment should be, Socrates refused to do so.

(i) Why did he refuse to do so?

(ii) OPINION: If you had been Socrates, would you have refused to do so? Why or why not? Explain.

2. After he was convicted of the crime, more jurors voted to sentence Socrates to death than to convict him. Why do you think that was so? (There's more than one right answer to this.)

3. OPINION: Imagine that you were one of the jurors at the Trial of Socrates.

(i) Would you have voted to *convict* him? Or, would you have voted to *acquit* him? Explain your answer. (In order to receive credit, you *must* explain your answer.)

(ii) Once he had been convicted, would you have voted to give him the death penalty? Why or why not? Explain.

4. According to Socrates, it was unjust for the jurors to convict him of irreverence, and it also was unjust for the jurors to sentence him to death.

(i) According to Socrates, *why* was it unjust for the jurors to convict him of irreverence?

(ii) According to Socrates, *why* was it unjust for the jurors to sentence him to death?

