

**NAME**: Socrates

**AGE:** 70

**RACE:** White

**CITY-STATE of ORIGIN:** Athens

**OCCUPATION:** Father of Western Philosophy, all-around annoying gad-fly

**ACCUSED OF**:

1) Impiety, speaking against the gods of Greece

2) Corrupting the Youth of Athens

**ACCUSERS:**

1) Meletus: An unknown poet of Athens, not very quick-witted. We don’t know what his motivations were

2) Anytus: Rich and influential democrat. Anytus and Socrates may haven both been romantically involved with one of Socrates’ students, Alcibiades (possibly love triangle here)

3) Lycon: Famous speaker. His son may have been a student of Socrates

**EVIDENCE AVAILABLE:**

1. The Apology Summary: Plato’s account of the original trial
2. Interview with Trial of Socrates expert, I.F. Stone

**Your Mission:**

**The Prosecution Team-** Develop an argument for why Socrates should be convicted of his crimes and be put to death

**Socrates’ Defense Team**- Develop an argument for why Socrates is innocent and should be cleared of all charges

**Jurors Team:** Understand both sides of the argument and be prepared to ask both teams questions. You will eventually decide the case and explain your decision.