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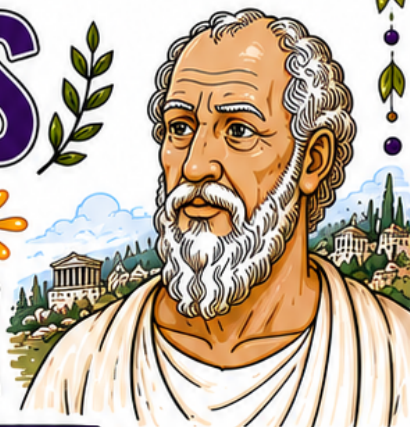
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SOCRATES

COMPREHENSION

Use the information on the page to find the answers to the questions below.



LIFE AND TIMES

- Socrates lived in Athens about 2,500 years ago.
- His father was a stonemason named **Sophroniscus** and his mother was a midwife named **Phaenarete**.
- Socrates did not write any books. We know about his ideas because his students, especially **Plato** and **Xenophon**, wrote about him.
- He enjoyed asking questions in the marketplace to help people think about what is right and wrong and how to live a good life.
- Many people did not like his ideas. They accused him of not believing in the gods and of corrupting the young.
- In **399 BCE**, he was found guilty and sentenced to drink hemlock.
- He refused to escape because he believed it was wrong to break the law.
- The **olive tree** was a symbol of wisdom in ancient Greece.

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

— Socrates

QUESTIONS

1. Where did Socrates live?

2. What did his father do for a living?

3. What was his mother's name?

4. How do we know about Socrates today?

5. What did Socrates spend his life doing?

6. What were the two main things he was accused of?

7. In what year (BCE) was he sentenced?

8. What was his punishment?

9. Did he try to escape? What did he do?

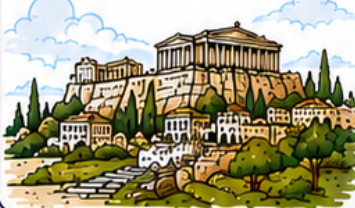
SOCRATES IS KNOWN FOR

- ★ Asking thoughtful questions.
- ★ Encouraging people to think for themselves.
- ★ Believing that wisdom and virtue lead to a good life.
- ★ His famous method of questioning, called the Socratic Method.
- ★ His ideas inspired many later philosophers. His student Plato wrote about his teachings.



SOCRATES LIVED ABOUT

**2,500
years ago**



ANSWER THE EXTRA!

- ★ What is the name of the tree that was a symbol of wisdom in ancient Greece?

- ★ Who are two of Socrates' famous students?



THINK LIKE SOCRATES!

Socrates believed in asking good questions to learn and think deeply.
Write one thoughtful question you would ask to help someone think more deeply.

