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## The Trial and Death of Socrates (Euthyphro, Apology, Crito, Phaedo) by Plato

### Short Answer Key

1. In the "Apology" dialogue, Socrates is charged with impiety (disrespecting the gods) and corrupting the youth of Athens.
2. Crito urges Socrates to escape from prison to avoid execution, and Socrates responds by arguing that it would be unjust to evade the law.
3. The main focus of the "Phaedo" dialogue is the immortality of the soul. Socrates presents arguments for the existence of the soul beyond the body, emphasizing its eternal nature.
4. In the "Apology," Socrates views his philosophical questioning as a service to Athens and its citizens, a means of encouraging critical thinking and ethical living.
5. Socrates' trial and death leave a legacy in Western philosophy by symbolizing the conflict between individual conscience and the demands of the state, raising questions about justice, morality, and the pursuit of truth.

