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The Philosophical Feud: Socrates vs. Plato

Short Answer Key

1. Socrates believed in questioning everything and critical thinking, while Plato emphasized the importance of written knowledge and organized thought.
2. The public debate between Socrates and Plato left a lasting impact on Athens, showcasing the clash of two brilliant minds and their differing philosophical perspectives.
3. The rivalry between Socrates and Plato evolved into a partnership, with Plato preserving and writing down Socrates' teachings.
4. Plato played the role of the custodian of Socrates' legacy by writing down many of Socrates' teachings and preserving them for future generations.
5. The topic of the nature of knowledge was chosen for the public debate because it was a central question in philosophy and represented their differing philosophical approaches.

