gave him some brief lessons. Impressed by what he had heard so far, Strepsiades told Pheidippides to study at the school with him. Both the father and the son were very good students. But how they applied their knowledge later on turned out to be completely different. In Strepsiades' case, he used smart arguments to fend off the creditors and avoid paying them altogether. In Pheidippides' case, he beat up his father and calmly explained why this horrific act of his was morally acceptable. At last, Strepsiades came to see what nonsense the Thinkery was teaching and burned the school down.

- Aristophanes' *The Cloud* was funny and cleverly written. While the entire story was made-up, many who had seen the show simply walked away with the distorted image of Socrates. They believed that Socrates was indeed what Aristophanes had painted in the play. They believed that he was a Sophist. They believed that he was a bad influence on the younger generations.
- In 399 B.C., the authorities of Athens accused Socrates of impiety and corrupting the youth. They brought him to trial. At court, Socrates defended himself forcefully. He denied that he was a Sophist. He rejected the idea that he corrupted the youth. He said that a lot of people disliked him simply because he had pointed out their ignorance. Socrates always maintained that he was an ignorant man. The fact that he knew of his own ignorance actually made him wiser than those who refused to admit it. As passionate as this speech was, Socrates could not sway the jury. They found him guilty and sentenced him to death. The verdict did not shock Socrates. He took the bad news calmly. On May 7, 399 B.C., he swallowed some poison and died.

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T.	Where was Socrates from? Sparta Thebes Athens Macedon	2.	Which of the following about Socrates is true? Socrates loved to ask questions. Socrates died of a natural cause. Socrates claimed himself the smartest person in Greece. Socrates was born after the Peloponnesian War.
3.	For how many years did the Peloponnesian War last, and who won? 15 years, Athens 43 years, Sparta 35 years, Athens 27 years, Sparta	4.	Which of the following of Aristophanes' plays made fun of Socrates? The Clouds The Wasps The Birds The Knights
5.	What was the name of Socrates' school in Aristophanes' play debuted in 423 B.C.? The University The Library The Academy The Thinkery	6.	What was the accusation against Socrates? Beating his own father Corrupting the youth Evading gambling debts Burning down a school