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Reading Questions: Plato, Euthyphro, Apology, Crito

- 1. Why does Socrates think Euthyphro would be able to help him understand piety?
- 2. What is Euthyphro's first account of piety? What does Socrates think is wrong with it?
- 3. How does Euthyphro revise his account of piety to meet Socrates's objection? Is this new account of piety persuasive? Why or why not?
- 4. What are the charges against Socrates?
- 5. What does the oracle at Delphi say about Socrates?
- 6. Why does Socrates go about questioning people who have a reputation for knowledge?
- 7. Why does Socrates tell the story of his opposition to punishing the ten generals and of refusing to bring Leon from Salamis? What does this tell us about why he is unafraid of his sentence?
- 8. What is the punishment Socrates thinks he deserves and why?
- 9. Why does Crito think people should fear the majority? Why does Socrates disagree with him?
- 10. Should we care about the opinion of the majority according to Socrates? Why or why not?
- 11. Why does Socrates refuse to flee Athens?