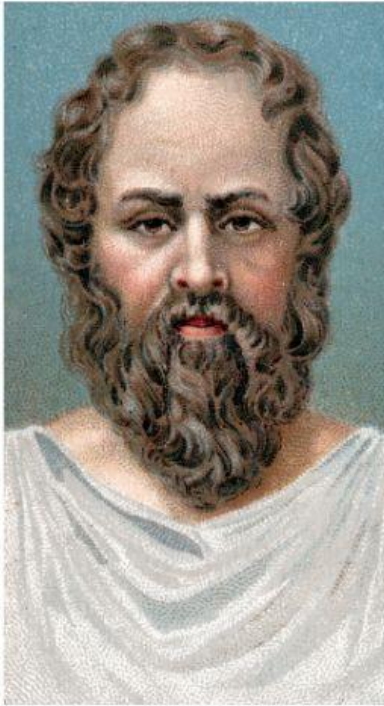


Read the text. Choose one of the variants

idler – ледар

to smuggle – витягти

disciples - послідовники



There were many interesting people who influenced the development of civilization. One of them was the famous Greek philosopher, Socrates. He did nothing but talk — talk to anyone who would listen to him, discussing philosophy with students or sailors, questioning men about what they believed in and why, and how they could prove it. He listened to all people with great attention, sometimes for hours on end.

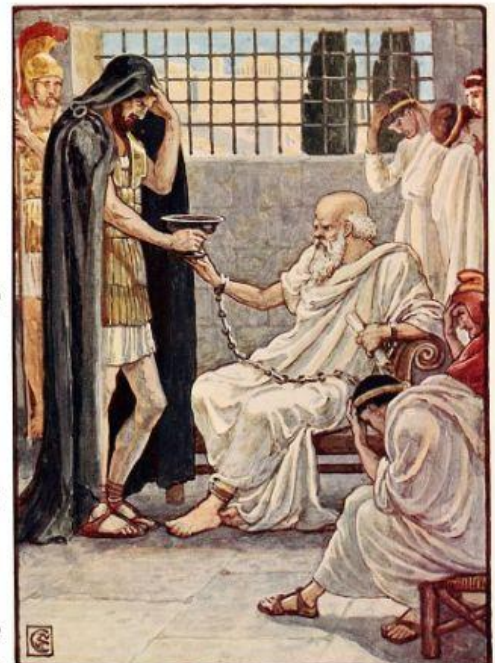
People's attitude to him was different. Some Athenians called him a dangerous idler who did nothing. But the Oracle at Delphi had called him the wisest man alive, but Socrates said that the reason for his wisdom was

only that unlike other men he knew how little he knew.

His enemies hated him. They said he made young minds doubt, if not mock everything. Due to this they said he was guilty and demanded his death.

His friends wanted to smuggle him out of prison but he refused to escape. He spent his last hours discussing the problems of good and evil. His mind was never having rest.

When his disciples saw him drink the cup of poison with dignity they wept. The man is gone but the “Socratic” method of questioning and teaching has always been respected since then.



1. Socrates never lost his
2. He liked to discuss philosophy with people and made them their point of view.
3. His enemies were sure he was able to the youth
4. If Socrates had agreed with his enemies, he wouldn't have been
5. His friends couldn't him