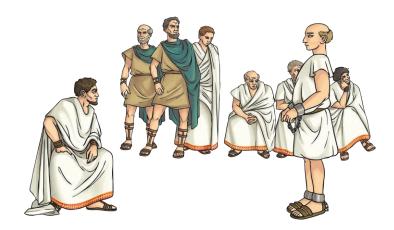
Trial by Jury

- Today I witnessed the trial of a fine man, Socrates a philosopher who questioned the existence of the gods as recognised by the state. Socrates knew how the court system worked but when he was found guilty by a vote of 280 to 220 men, he was angry. His accusers suggested that the punishment should be the death penalty. Socrates found the charges against him ridiculous so initially responded with the sarcastic remark that he should be rewarded! He eventually suggested his fine should be one piece of silver. If Socrates had proposed a stronger punishment (for example, exile from Athens), the jury probably would have voted for it.
- 120 But he left them little choice by not treating the 122 trial seriously...







Quick Questions



1. How many men were on the jury?



2. Which two words mean the same as 'recommended'?



3. Summarise the main points of this text in 20 words or less.



4. What do you think happened to Socrates in the end?



