

# Socrates

(469-399 BCE)



Socrates was a famous philosopher from ancient Greece who lived over 2,400 years ago. He spent his life asking big questions like "What is truth?" and "What is right and wrong?" Socrates didn't write anything down; instead, he walked around Athens, talking to people and challenging their ideas. He believed that the best way to learn was through questioning, which is now called the Socratic method. Unfortunately, not everyone liked his ideas. Some people thought he was a troublemaker because he encouraged others to think for themselves.

In the end, he was put on trial for "corrupting the youth" and not believing in the gods of the city. Socrates was sentenced to death, and he calmly drank poison as his punishment. Even though he died, his ideas have lived on and continue to inspire people to think deeply about life.