

Study Questions on Plato's *Euthyphro*

1. Why are Euthyphro and Socrates at the court of justice? Explain.
2. What is Euthyphro's first attempt to define piety? How does Socrates respond?
3. What is Euthyphro's second attempt to define piety? Again, what is Socrates' response? How does Euthyphro modify the definition to escape the difficulty raised by Socrates? How does Socrates respond to the modification?
4. What is Euthyphro's third attempt to define piety? How does Socrates respond?
5. Explain how this Platonic dialogue exemplifies the working definition of philosophy given in chapter one of *Reflections on Philosophy*?
6. Is there any clear influence of sophistry in Euthyphro's attempts to define piety? Explain
7. Do we have any clear understanding of Socrates definition of piety by the end of the dialogue? Explain.
8. How would you define piety? Give three examples of piety and explain what makes these acts pious.