**Gadflies in our society – a blessing or a curse?**

This program represents a Gadfly.

(Read the artist statement for insights and full description).

Click on the START button to start the program.

Then you would be given a choice to either be a poet, politician or artisan. (This is because Socrates used these professionals’ examples in his defense speech when he was on trial of his conviction and execution. The professionals claimed to know about their areas, but Socrates proved that they did not know anything).

After choosing to be one of the professionals, the program (acting like Socratic gadfly) will start asking you uneasy questions. If you kept on answering the questions, you would eventually end up knowing that you know nothing. If you still like Socrates, then you would get a chance to convince him to escape before his execution. Then you would further get to know about his reasoning.

Otherwise, if you feel very annoyed by the gadfly, you can swat (execute) it any time by clicking on the SWAT button. This would prove that you are just like any other Athenian citizen who couldn’t stand the gadfly.