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Spark the Great Ideas: 5th Grade Ancient Greek Philosophers Quiz

Examine how Diogenes and Epicurus thought about happiness as you decide how to live your best life in and out of the classroom.

1. Diogenes the Cynic was famous for living in a large clay jar and owning almost nothing. What did he think was most important for a happy life?

- A. Having a beautiful house
- B. Being honest and living simply
- C. Winning many gold medals
- D. Becoming a powerful king

2. The philosopher Epicurus believed that the best way to be happy was to spend time with good friends and be kind.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Thales, one of the earliest Greek thinkers, looked at the world and guessed that _____ was the most important building block of all life.

- A. Fire
- B. Dust
- C. Water
- D. Gold

4. The Stoic philosopher Epictetus was once a slave, but he taught that we can always be free in our minds. What did he say we should focus on?

- A. Things we cannot change
- B. Arguments with strangers
- C. What other people think of us
- D. Our own thoughts and choices

5. Ancient Greek philosophers only thought about math and never asked questions about how people should behave.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Pythagoras is a famous Greek thinker who believed that the whole universe could be explained using _____.

- A. Numbers
- B. Painting
- C. Poetry

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D. Cloud shapes

7. Imagine you are at a Greek 'Symposium' or meeting. What would philosophers most likely be doing there?

- A. Playing silent tag
- B. Sleeping in the sun
- C. Talking and debating ideas
- D. Running a race

8. The philosopher Heraclitus said 'No man ever steps in the same river twice' because he believed the world is always changing.

- A. True
- B. False

9. Democritus was a philosopher who had the amazing idea that everything is made of tiny, invisible pieces called _____.

- A. Dust bunnies
- B. Atoms
- C. Cells
- D. Bricks

10. If a philosopher asks you, 'Is it better to be lucky or to be wise?' they are helping you practice which skill?

- A. Critical thinking
- B. Spelling
- C. Long jump
- D. Drawing