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Answer Key: Your Big Ideas Odyssey: Kindergarten Ancient Greek Philosophy Quiz

How do we know if something is fair? Use your thinking cap to compare ideas about truth, change, and nature like the early thinkers of Greece.

1. Imagine you see a caterpillar turn into a butterfly. Heraclitus says 'Everything flows.' What does he mean?

Answer: B) Everything is always changing

Heraclitus was a philosopher who believed that the world is always moving and changing, just like a river or a growing bug.

2. Thales believed that everything in the whole world started from water.

Answer: A) True

Thales is often called the first philosopher because he looked at nature and thought water was the most important building block for everything.

3. Pythagoras loved shapes and math. He thought the whole world was made of ____.

Answer: A) Numbers

Pythagoras believed that patterns and numbers were the secret to understanding how the world fits together.

4. If you and a friend share a toy fairly, which philosopher's 'Golden Mean' (finding the middle) are you practicing?

Answer: C) Aristotle

Aristotle taught that being a good person means finding the middle ground—not taking too much, but not having too little.

5. Philosophers are people who love to ask 'Why?' and 'How?' about the world.

Answer: A) True

Philosophy means 'love of wisdom.' It starts whenever someone asks a big question about life.

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6. Democritus thought if you keep cutting an apple into tiny, tiny pieces, you eventually find 'atoms.' What are atoms?

Answer: A) Tiny bits that can't be broken

Democritus used his imagination to realize that everything is made of tiny seeds of matter called atoms.

7. In the city of Athens, many thinkers met in a big open market called the ____ to talk.

Answer: B) Agora

The Agora was the heart of Athens where people gathered to trade goods and share new ideas.

8. Diogenes the Cynic thought people should live simply, like dogs, and not care about fancy clothes.

Answer: A) True

Diogenes lived in a large tub and taught that we don't need many things to be happy; we just need to be ourselves.

9. Epicurus taught that we should be kind to our ____ to have a happy life.

Answer: B) Friends

Epicurus believed that friendship was one of the most important things for a calm and joyful life.

10. Zeno the Stoic said that if it rains on your picnic, you should not be sad. Why?

Answer: A) Because you can't control the rain

Stoic philosophers taught that we should stay calm and only worry about the things we can actually change.