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Think You Know the Ancients? A 7th Grade Philosophy Challenge

The Golden Mean, logic, and Stoicism—master the essential tools that ancient thinkers used to solve life's biggest mysteries and lead a better life.

1. Which philosopher founded a school called 'The Lyceum' and believed we should observe the natural world to find the truth?

- A. Diogenes
- B. Zeno
- C. Aristotle
- D. Heraclitus

2. True or False: Ancient Greek philosophers were only interested in science and math, not in how people should behave.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Plato wrote famous books called 'Dialogues' because he believed the best way to learn was through _____.

- A. Conversation
- B. Painting
- C. Warfare
- D. Travel

4. Aristotle's idea of the 'Golden Mean' suggests that a person should live their life by choosing:

- A. The most expensive option
- B. The most extreme path
- C. The middle ground between two extremes
- D. The path that requires the least work

5. True or False: Socrates wrote many books to share his ideas with future generations.

- A. True
- B. False

6. If you use logic and reason to solve a problem rather than just guessing, you are practicing a skill used by the _____.

- A. Spartans
- B. Philosophers
- C. Gladiators
- D. Merchants

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7. Which ancient group believed that the key to happiness was staying calm and not letting emotions control you?

- A. The Stoics
- B. The Sophists
- C. The Athenians
- D. The Mycenaeans

8. The Socratic Method involves a teacher constantly asking a student _____ to help them think more deeply.

- A. For money
- B. To sing
- C. Questions
- D. To sleep

9. True or False: Ancient Greek philosophy helped lay the foundation for modern science and government.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Epicurus, another famous philosopher, believed that the goal of life was to find peace and avoid:

- A. Exercise
- B. Pain and fear
- C. Reading books
- D. Wealth