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## **Pondering Probing Questions: Ancient Athens Philosophy Quiz for 3rd Grade**

Construct sound arguments and recognize how Thales and Zeno used logic to explain the natural world and motion through engaging thought experiments.

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**1. Thales of Miletus was a philosopher who looked at the world differently. He believed that everything in the world was actually made of one special thing. What was it?**

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

**2. Imagine you see a beautiful butterfly. A philosopher named Heraclitus said, 'Everything flows.' He believed the world is always \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Frozen
- B. Changing
- C. Square
- D. Quiet

**3. True or False: The philosopher Zeno of Elea created 'paradoxes,' which are tricky puzzles meant to show that our eyes might trick us about how things move.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. Democritus had a very tiny idea! He thought that if you kept cutting an apple into smaller and smaller pieces, eventually you would find a piece so small it couldn't be cut anymore. What did he call these?**

- A. Dust mites
- B. Sparkles
- C. Atoms
- D. Seeds

**5. Pythagoras loved numbers! He didn't just use them for math; he believed that \_\_\_\_\_ was the key to understanding the whole universe.**

- A. Music
- B. Cooking
- C. Sleeping
- D. Running

**6. True or False: Ancient Greek philosophers only studied space and stars, and they never thought about how people should treat one another.**

- A. True

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B. False

**7. If you are following the advice of Epicurus, you are looking for a life that is peaceful and free from fear. What did he think was the most important thing to have?**

- A. Lots of toys
- B. Good friends
- C. A giant palace
- D. Winning every race

**8. The Stoic philosophers, like Epictetus, believed that if you can't change something (like the weather), you should change your \_\_\_\_\_ instead.**

- A. Clothes
- B. House
- C. Attitude
- D. Name

**9. True or False: Diogenes the Cynic lived in a large ceramic jar because he wanted to show that people didn't need fancy things to be happy.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. Anaximander was a philosopher who made one of the first maps of the world. Why did philosophers like him want to make maps and study nature?**

- A. To find hidden treasure
- B. To win an award
- C. To understand the world using reason
- D. To hide from their neighbors