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Wrangle Ancient Greek Wisdom: Your 2nd Grade Philosophy Quiz

Critical thinking, ethical choices, and purposeful living. Identify how early thinkers like Epicurus and Diogenes viewed happiness and the natural world.

1. Imagine you see a friend sitting alone. A philosopher named Epicurus said being happy means having good friends and feeling calm. What would Epicurus likely tell you to do?

- A. Run away and play a loud game by yourself.
- B. Invite your friend to sit and talk quietly with you.
- C. Buy a very expensive toy to show your friend.
- D. Hide behind a tree and wait for them to leave.

2. A philosopher named Diogenes lived in a large barrel because he thought people only needed simple things to be happy.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Thales was a thinker who looked at the world and decided that _____ was the most important thing because everything ends up needing it to grow.

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

4. Heraclitus said, 'No man ever steps in the same river twice.' What did he mean by this lesson about the world?

- A. Rivers are too cold for swimming.
- B. Everything in the world is always changing.
- C. You should only visit a river one time.
- D. Water in a river stays in the exact same spot.

5. Ancient Greek philosophers liked to argue and be mean to each other rather than asking questions to find the truth.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Pythagoras was a philosopher who loved math. He believed that _____ were the secret language used to build the entire universe.

- A. Numbers
- B. Colors
- C. Animals

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D. Alphabet letters

7. If a philosopher says we should follow 'The Golden Mean,' they mean we should not have too much or too little of something. Which of these shows the 'Mean'?

- A. Eating ten cupcakes at once.
- B. Refusing to eat any food at all.
- C. Eating one healthy snack when you are hungry.
- D. Throwing your snack on the floor.

8. The word 'Philosophy' actually means 'Love of Wisdom.'

- A. True
- B. False

9. Zeno was a philosopher who taught that we should stay calm even when things go wrong. This way of thinking is called being ____.

- A. Silly
- B. Stoic
- C. Angry
- D. Sleepy

10. The philosopher Democritus imagined that everything was made of tiny, invisible pieces that could not be cut. What did he call these pieces?

- A. Dust bunnies
- B. Lego bricks
- C. Atoms
- D. Sparkles