



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 5-1

The Culture of Ancient Greece

Directions: Filling in the Blanks Reading the section and completing the sentences below will help you learn more about the culture of Ancient Greece. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

The Greeks believed in many gods and goddesses who controlled (1) _____. Led by (2) _____, the chief god, the twelve most important gods and goddesses lived on (3) _____. According to Greek myth, the gods were not thought to be (4) _____, but did have special powers. (5) _____ were followed in hope of receiving good fortune from the gods. Because the Greeks believed in destiny and prophesy, they often visited a(n) (6) _____ in order to find out about the future.

The earliest Greek stories were (7) _____. The poet (8) _____ wrote the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. The Greek people looked on the epics as real (9) _____. Homer's heroes became (10) _____ for Greek boys. Another form of Greek story that taught a lesson was the (11) _____. Each fable ends with a message, or (12) _____.

(13) _____ is a story told by actors who pretend to be characters in the story. A tragedy has an unhappy ending because the character tries to (14) _____ difficulties but fails. In a comedy, the story ends (15) _____.

(16) _____ in ancient Greece believed in ideas like reason, moderation, balance, and harmony and hoped to inspire people to base their lives on these ideas. Examples of Greek painting can be seen on Greek (17) _____. Greek architecture has influenced buildings today in the use of marble (18) _____, which are common features of churches and government buildings.



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 5-2

Greek Philosophy and History

Directions: Outlining Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about Greek philosophy and history. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. Greek _____ led to the study of history, political science, _____, and mathematics.
 - A. Many philosophers were _____ like Pythagoras, who taught that all relationships in the world could be _____ in numbers.
 - B. One school of philosophers were the _____ who traveled from city to city making a living by teaching others.
 - C. Socrates was an Athenian _____ whose true love was philosophy.
 1. Socrates invented the _____ of teaching, which asks pointed questions to force students to use reason and to see things for themselves.
 2. Socrates was accused of teaching young Athenians to _____ against the _____.
 - D. _____ was a student of Socrates who taught that democracy was not a good system of _____.
 - E. Aristotle, a student of Plato, influenced the way Europeans and _____ thought about government.
- II. Greeks wrote the first real _____ in Western civilization.
 - A. Herodotus wrote the history of the Persian Wars and tried to separate _____ from _____, but used _____ and _____ to explain some events.
 - B. Most historians consider _____ the greatest historian of the ancient world because he saw war and politics as the activities of _____ and stressed the importance of having accurate _____.