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**Hippocrates & Hippocratic Oath**

**DIRECTIONS: Actively read about the Greek physician Hippocrates and his innovation, the Hippocratic Oath. Then explain the impact it had on Greece and other societies.**

**Hippocrates** was an ancient Greek physician of the "Age of Pericles," and was considered one of the most outstanding figures in the history of medicine. He is referred to as the "father of medicine" in recognition of his lasting contributions to the field as the founder of the Hippocratic School of medicine. Very little is known about what Hippocrates actually thought, wrote and did. Nevertheless, Hippocrates is commonly portrayed as the perfect example of the ancient physician. In particular, he is credited with greatly advancing the systematic study of clinical medicine, summing up the medical knowledge of previous schools, and prescribing practices for physicians through the **Hippocratic Oath** and other works. This practice has been adopted throughout the medical field.

A modernized version of the Hippocratic Oath is still used today to induct new doctors into the field of medicine. In Classical Greece, the Oath required physicians to swear to Greek gods, the modern version does not.

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| **Excerpt from the modern Hippocratic Oath**I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant (agreement/contract):I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required...I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy (kindness/compassion), and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed (revealed) to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness (modesty) and awareness of my own frailty (weakness). Above all, I must not play at God...I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations (responsibilities) to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.If I do not violate this oath...May I always act so as to preserve (keep) the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.[**Written in 1964 by Louis Lasagna**](http://www.lib.rochester.edu/index.cfm?page=3330)**, Academic Dean of the School of Medicine at Tufts University, and used in many medical schools today.** |

**DIRECTIONS: Cite/Quote TWO parts of the modern day Hippocratic Oath. EXPLAIN how this has affected people, places, and/or societies.**

**CITATION 1:**  \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

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**The enduring issue this best associates with is (check all that apply)**

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* **HUMAN RIGHTS**
* **IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENT ON HUMANS**
* **POWER**
* **SCARCITY**
* **TECHNOLOGY**