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**Hippocrates & Hippocratic Oath**

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

Hippocrates was born around 460 BC on the island of Kos, Greece. **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 based his medical practice on observations and on the study of the human body. He held the belief that illness had a physical and a rational explanation. He rejected the views of his time that considered illness to be caused by superstitions and by possession of evil spirits and disapproval of the gods. In [Hippocratic medicine](http://broughttolife.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife/techniques/hippocraticmedicine), effective treatment relied on considering the patient as a whole. Diet, sleep, work and exercise were all seen as important factors that could play a role in producing - and reversing - the imbalance in [humours](http://broughttolife.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife/techniques/humours) that was believed to result in illness. He accurately described disease symptoms and was the first physician to accurately describe the symptoms of pneumonia, as well as epilepsy in children. He believed in the natural healing process of rest, a good diet, fresh air and cleanliness. He noted that there were individual differences in the severity of disease symptoms and that some individuals were better able to cope with their disease and illness than others. He was also the first physician that held the belief that thoughts, ideas, and feelings come from the brain and not the heart as others of his time believed. [Diseases](http://broughttolife.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife/themes/diseases) were allowed to run their natural course with treatment restricted mainly to the careful use of specific herbal medicines. [Surgery](http://broughttolife.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife/themes/surgery) was very much seen as a last resort. Hippocrates is believed to have founded a medical school on Kos where his students helped to spread his ideas. A collection of ancient written works associated with Hippocrates and his teachings, known as ‘The Hippocratic Corpus’, was a huge influence on the development of medicine in the centuries that followed. He soon developed an Oath of Medical Ethics for physicians to follow. This Oath is taken by physicians today as they begin their medical practice. He died in 377 BC. Today Hippocrates is known as the "Father of Medicine".

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)**

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