

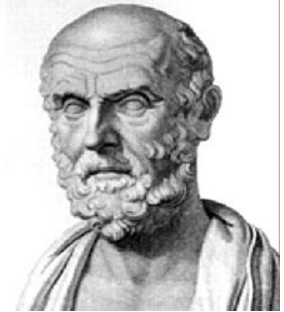
History Revision Homework 2—The Ancient Greeks

Where to look for help:

Revision Guide (or photocopy of it if you have not got one)

Exercise book and Folder

BBC Bitesize History SHP (School's History Project) History of Medicine site



1. What are the approximate dates of the Ancient Greeks?
2. Which lands did the Ancient Greek Empire cover?
3. The 4 humours is a Greek idea. Explain it in your own words.
4. Why is the 4 humours as an explanation for disease and illness an important step forward in the History of Medicine (even though it is wrong!)
5. Why is Hippocrates a significant figure in the History of medicine? Give several reasons for this.
6. Explain who the Ancient Greeks believed Asclepius was. How would you recognise him in Ancient Greek drawings or sculptures?
7. The Greeks still believed in supernatural causes for disease as well. Explain what an Asclepion was and what was expected to occur there.
8. Why might some people have recovered at an Asclepion anyway even without any supernatural intervention!
9. The Greeks were good at logical, natural ideas of what made you ill or kept you healthy. What areas of health and medicine were they not so strong at and why?
10. Answer the source question below:

Source A

Here is the great remedy. Come! You who drive evil things from my stomach and limbs. He who drinks this shall be cured just as the Gods above were cured.

A spell from the Papyrus Ebers. The doctor was to chant this spell while giving the patient the medicine. The Egyptian doctor who used the papyrus had written next to the spell, "This spell is really excellent – successful many times."

Question: Would Hippocrates have approved of the treatment used in Source A? Use the source and your own knowledge to explain the answer.

11. ***"The Greeks were more significant in the History of Medicine than the Egyptians."*** How far do you agree with this view? (Remember consider both sides but come to an overall decision—no fence sitting! The examiners think that is a cop out!)

Key Vocabulary