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Language Arts 10 Week 4

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Funeral Speech of Pericles

Directions: Answer all items in complete sentences using proper grammar and punctuation.

Scoring Guidelines: Accuracy 34% Neatness 33% Completeness 33%

1. How does Pericles define democracy?

2. How does Pericles contrast the Athenian's military training with that of the Spartans? What proof does he offer of the Athenians' superiority?

3. Why does Pericles feel that the parents of the dead should not be pitied?

What advice does he give?

4. Explain how Pericles gains the attention of his listeners in the introduction to his speech.

5. What do you think is Pericles' purpose in praising Athens and Athenian democracy?

What is he trying to persuade his listeners to do or believe?

6. Identify at least one example of "argument" or persuasion that appeals to reason. Then, identify an example of an appeal to emotion.
