

Reading, Grammar and Comprehension (Test 1)

9. Who actually witnessed the flight?

10. What advice did Daedalus give to his son?



Read the following paragraph then **answer the questions** that follow.

One of the earliest historians was Herodotus. He left Greece, travelled throughout the known world of 450 BCE and wrote down what he saw. He gave us valuable information about the Ancient Egyptians. He is often called the Father of History. ←(a) Today we know so much more about the world, that the observations of the ancient writers seem silly. ←(b) Yet, men like Herodotus also gave us their methods of studying and recording knowledge. ←(c) And, surely, how we study is as important as what we study. ←(d)

Circle the letter that has the correct answer.

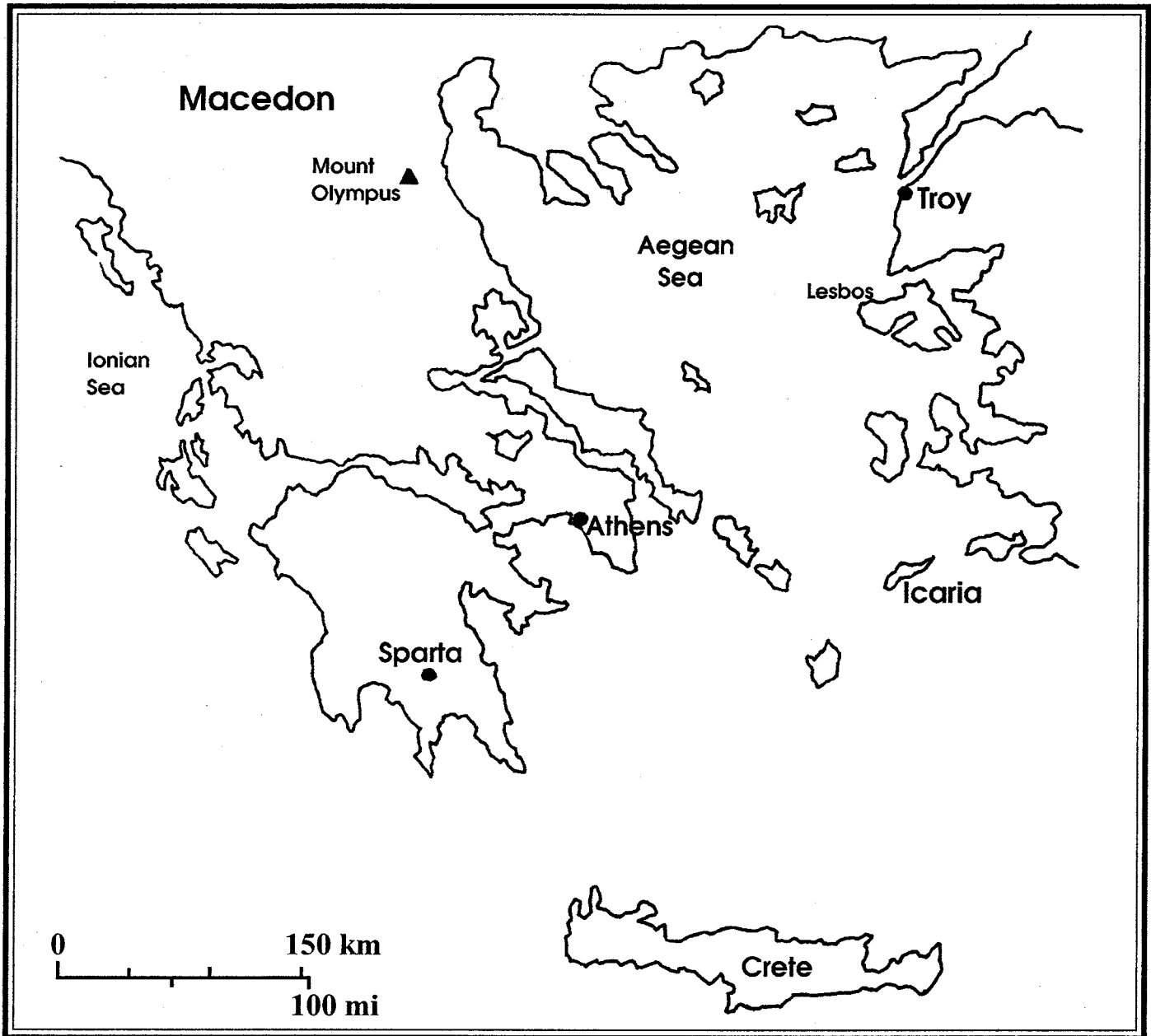
- Sentence _____ should start a new paragraph.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
- Herodotus is called the Father of History because
 - he was one of the first travellers to record what he saw.
 - he kept a record of life in Ancient Egypt.
 - his accounts are very accurate and a valuable source of information for modern historians.
 - he gave us a method of recording facts.
- Which of the following is a phrase?
 - one of the earliest historians
 - he wrote down
 - today we know so much more about the world
 - about the Ancient Egyptians
- Which of the following is a sentence?
 - Because we know so much more about the world.
 - A man known as Herodotus.
 - He left Greece and travelled.
 - He is often called.

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Read each sentence. Find the most suitable synonym for the underlined word, and **circle** the letter.

1. He got lost in the labyrinth.
 - A. dense forest
 - B. underground mall
 - C. maze
 - D. tower
2. If you venture too close to the sun the heat will melt the wax.
 - A. walk
 - B. go
 - C. rest
 - D. lean
3. All vessels were under the control of the king.
 - A. cars
 - B. wagons
 - C. bowls
 - D. ships
4. There is a curvature to the wings.
 - A. a circular form
 - B. a sharp angle
 - C. a back drop
 - D. a smooth arc
5. The momentum of his wings lifted him off the ground.
 - A. loss
 - B. rapport
 - C. motion
 - D. height
6. As the owl flapped its wings quickly, it found itself buoyed upwards.
 - A. lifted
 - B. flying
 - C. speeding
 - D. spinning
7. The shepherds stood in awe as the meteorite shot across the sky.
 - A. curiosity
 - B. amazement
 - C. groups
 - D. awareness
8. The universe is eternal.
 - A. moving
 - B. changing
 - C. vast
 - D. without end
9. She was about to utter an angry oath.
 - A. scream
 - B. laugh
 - C. swearword
 - D. question
10. He is apt to return after school.
 - A. unlikely
 - B. likely
 - C. willing
 - D. unwilling

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We are told that Icarus was laid to rest on the island of Icaria. On the map of Ancient Greece and using the legend given on the map, answer the following questions.

1. Approximately how far did Icarus get from Crete, before he plunged into the sea?
2. How far is Mt Olympus from Crete?
3. How far is Athens from Crete?