Name _____ **Context Clues**

Pythagoras: Greek Mathematician

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Circle the correct meaning of each underlined word.

_____ 1. Pythagoras was one of the first Greeks to <u>contemplate</u> mathematics.
A. think deeply about B. teach about

_____ 2. For most of his life, he lived in the Greek <u>colonies</u> in Sicily and southern Italy.
A. islands B. an area under political control of another

_____ 3. He had a group of <u>disciples</u> who followed him around.
A. follower of a teacher or philosopher B. students

_____ 4. The Pythagoreans were <u>renowned</u> for their pure lives.
A. looked down on B. well known for

_____ 5. They wore their hair long, and wore <u>unadorned</u> clothing, and went barefoot.
A. without embellishment B. unwashed

_____ 6. Pythagoreans were especially interested in music and mathematics, which are both ways of making order out of <u>chaos</u>.
A. lack of order B. a mess

_____ 7. Music is noise that makes sense, and mathematics is <u>principles</u> for how the world works.
A. guesses B. a fundamental truth

_____ 8. Pythagoras himself is best known for proving that the Pythagorean <u>Theorem</u> was true.
A. proved by a chain of reasoning B. theory

_____ 9. Two thousand years earlier, the Sumerians already <u>perceived</u> it to be generally true.
A. believed B. understood

_____ 10. But Pythagoras is <u>credited</u> with having proved that it would always be true.
A. publicly acknowledged B. appreciated

_____ 11. There's no <u>evidence</u> that Pythagoras proved the theorem until the time of Euclid.
A. proof B. history

_____ 12. Some people <u>conjecture</u> that the proof must have been written in Euclid's time, instead.
A. believe B. suggest