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VOCABULARY CHECK

☐ Match the words with their definitions.

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|---------------|---|
| 1 philosopher | a. a person who writes poems |
| 2 previous | b. someone who studies the meaning of things |
| 3 emotional | c. earlier, before, prior |
| 4 poet | d. a political system based on state plans and controls |
| 5 privilege | e. causing or expressing feelings |
| 6 socialism | f. a right given to an individual or a select few |
| 7 revolution | g. a movement supporting women's rights |
| 8 feminism | h. an attempt to change the political system by force |

1. What do you feel when you see art? What do you think about?
2. Do you think art and poetry are important in our lives? Why?

Do you love romantic stories? Maybe you will say “Yes, I love them.” Or maybe you will say “Yuck, they're terrible!” Before you answer though, you should ask what that question means. It doesn't always mean love stories.

5 There was a time in western history called the “Romantic Period.” Writers and philosophers of this time are called “Romantics.” They had different beliefs than the people from previous times. The word “Romantic” comes from the word “Roman.” This means “anything to do with the people of ancient Rome.” The Romantics believed that ancient Rome was the greatest time for artists. Artists
10 tried to make paintings and sculptures like the Romans. Musicians made lighter, more emotional music. Everyone believed that emotions were the most important thing in art.

 Writers and philosophers believed that the Romans loved nature and the countryside. The Romantics looked at country people as having the best life. It
15 was a natural life. **They** were closer to nature. **Poets** loved to write about the people. Philosophers also wrote about the people, but in a different way. They believed people had rights and **privileges**. They didn't believe that some people, like kings and queens, were better than others. This kind of thinking led to many changes in Europe. The French and American **Revolutions**, **feminism** and **socialism**
20 all happened in part because of Romantic thinking. The next time someone asks you if you like Romantic stories, you'd better ask them what kind of story they mean.

READING COMPREHENSION

- 1 Which of the following is the best title for the passage?
 - a. The Romantic Period: Not Always Romantic
 - b. Opinions about Romantic Stories: Good or Bad
 - c. From the French Revolution to Socialism
 - d. Before You Answer the Question, Consider It Again!

- 2 According to the reading, which of the following is the true?
 - a. Romantics wrote poems about revolution.
 - b. In ancient Rome, everyone had a romantic quality.
 - c. Romanticism had an effect on western history.
 - d. Some Romanticists believed that differences existed among social levels.

- 3 The word 'They' in the passage refers to _____.
 - a. Romantics
 - b. country people
 - c. natural life
 - d. poets

- 4 The author mentioned the underlined sentence in order to _____.
 - a. explain that there are more interesting stories than Romantic stories
 - b. stress that many people like Romantic stories
 - c. advise not to ask if someone likes Romantic stories
 - d. summarize that there are two kinds of Romantic stories

- 5 According to the reading, which of the following is the true?
 - a. There were conflicts between poets and philosophers in the Romantic Period.
 - b. Every romanticist thought that nature is the most important thing.
 - c. The French Revolution was influenced by Romantic ideas.
 - d. Romans liked romantic literature.

- 6 It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
 - a. one idea has a great effect on other ideas
 - b. only good ideas can be handed down from generation to generation
 - c. every revolution is influenced by every other
 - d. every word has two different meanings

VOCABULARY REVIEW

❑ Fill in the blank with the right form of the word from the box.

privilege	previous	poet	philosopher
socialism	emotional	feminism	revolution

- 1 Modern _____ often write for greetings card companies.
- 2 _____ have thought about the meaning of life for centuries.
- 3 Many people fear a move toward _____ in the west.
- 4 My doctor said the problem was more _____ than physical.
- 5 Senior students are usually allowed _____ that other students are not.
- 6 The spread of _____ has changed the way men and women interact.

SUMMARY

❑ Complete the exercise by selecting the answer choices in order.
Two of them will NOT be used.

- a. This resulted in many changes in Europe and America
- b. The Romantics also believed that people had rights and privileges
- c. The Romans were the most romantic people ever to have lived
- d. "Romantics" are the philosophers and writers of this time
- e. Artists in the Romantic Period became interested in all things Roman
- f. The Romans believed that kings and queens were better than other people

- 1 The " Romantic Period" was an interesting time in history for many reasons.
- 2 _____.
- 3 They believed that the ancient Rome was the greatest time for artists.
- 4 _____.
- 5 They believed that Roman art was emotional and made their art emotional too.
- 6 _____.
- 7 _____.