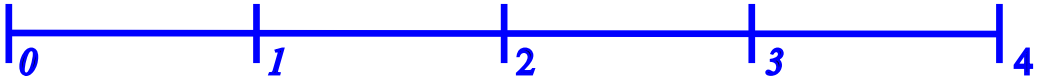
Why did so many people believe the ideas of Hippocrates and Galen?

1. Look at the six cards. Where would you place each one on the continuum line?
2. Idea 4 was the most important of their ideas. Why do you think it was so important?



0 – Ideas and methods that were ridiculous and would not have helped anyone

4 – Ideas and methods that seemed logical and common sense and would have helped people

Idea 1 Hippocrates

Doctors should be trained by older doctors and take an oath to care for their patients.

Idea 2 Hippocrates

Doctors should observe and record symptoms before diagnosing an illness and choosing a treatment.

Idea 3 Hippocrates

Natural treatments were the best ones to use, such as rest, a good diet and exercise.

Idea 4 Hippocrates

Many illnesses were caused when the Four Humours [liquids] in the body fell out of balance. These Humours were blood, phlegm, black bile and yellow bile.

Idea 5 Galen

Some illnesses were best treated by using 'opposite' cures, such as treating someone shivering with cold with hot food such as peppers.

Idea 6 Galen

Doctors should learn more about the human body by dissecting corpses and carrying out experiments.

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Knowledge Organisers:

Using photographs to summarise vital information and ideas

These students were asked to create a photograph to sum up the work of Hippocrates and Galen and why they were so important. Each feature in the photograph tells you something important about the work of Hippocrates and Galen.

1. Annotate your copy of this picture, identifying what each item in the picture represents.

2. Add two thought bubbles to sum up Galen's thoughts.



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