

## THEME 3 LEGENDARY FIGURE READING SKILL (SPICE UP)

### **A. Read the discovery story of Aphrodisias. Fill in the timeline with the dates and events.**

Aphrodisias is an important ancient city near the village of Geyre, Aydın. The World Heritage Committee decided to add the city to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2017. However, the site was not well known until 1958. That year, the famous photographer Ara Güler came to the village, and his photographs drew attention to Aphrodisias.

Ara Güler went to Aydın to photograph the opening of the Kemer Dam. On his way back to the city, his driver got lost in the mountains. They wanted to spend the night in a nearby village. When they arrived in the village, they went directly to the coffee house. The men were playing games on the Roman column heads instead of tables. "This is strange," he thought. In the morning, he went out with his camera and saw the ruins of the ancient city among the houses and fields. The men were stepping on grapes, and the women were washing their clothes in stone tombs. Then, some children took him to the ancient stadium, and he saw someone farming there. The village amazed him because the past was still alive. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for him.

When he went back to İstanbul, he showed his friends the photographs. One of his friends advised him to contact Prof. Kenan Tevfik Erim, a successful archaeologist at New York University. Prof. Erim got very excited when he first arrived in Aphrodisias in 1959. He informed the local authorities, and they moved the village to the west of the city in 1960. A year later, the first archaeological excavations began under Prof. Erim's leadership. His team discovered many historic buildings and objects here. After he published an article with Ara Güler's photographs in Horizon Magazine in 1963, the site received international attention. Prof. Erim worked on the excavation and restoration of Aphrodisias until his death in 1990.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Ara Güler came to the village.

1959 : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : The local authorities moved the village.

1961 : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : Aphrodisias took place in Horizon Magazine.

1990 : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : Aphrodisias was added to the UNESCO World

### **B. Read the text again and answer the questions**

1. Why did Ara Güler and his driver go to the village?
2. How did Ara Güler find Prof. Erim?
3. When did Aphrodisias first gain international popularity?
4. How long did Prof. Erim work on the Aphrodisias archaeological site?