

1. Check the meaning of the words/phrases in the box. Then, try to match them with the highlighted words in the reading. Be careful of their idiomatic meaning in context and their parts of speech.

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| 1. permanently settled  | 2. found refuge                   | 3. matched          | 4. images/patterns             |
| 5. made by a metalsmith | 6. show/affirm                    | 7. dug up/excavated | 8. a period of time or history |
| 9. genealogy/heritage   | 10. mountain peaks/edge of cliffs | 11. handle          |                                |

2. Answer the questions below, based upon the topics raised in the reading, with your own opinions.

a) From the reading, why do you think the Göktürks resided in these mountainous regions?

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b) Why does Professor Darhan Hıdıralli believe that the Ergenekon epic has helped find the origins of the Göktürks?

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c) What kind of musical instrument was found in the graves excavated in the Altay Mountains?

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d) What does the fish-skin hilt of an excavated sword prove?

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