

Reading Worksheet for Sections 4.4

History of Mathematics

1. What are some of the things that Eratosthenes did that made him seem so wise?
2. In spite of his “wise” reputation, what was said about him to knock him down a notch or two?
3. What are epicycles?
4. Describe the state of geography at the time of Eratosthenes and of Ptolemy.