

Philosopher	Socrates Self-Knowledge	Plato Idealist	Aristotle Realist
School	No formal school.	Founded Academy in Athens (1 <sup>st</sup> institution of higher learning in Western world)	Founded the Lyceum outside of Athens.
Wrote	Nothing	The Republic	Metaphysics, politics, and ethics come from observation rather than reason and deduction.
Questioned	He questioned laws, ethics, customs and religion.	The world of ideas, or forms, is more real than the world of things.	Nature of the world, human thoughts and knowledge.
Ways of Thought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine moral concepts;</li> <li>• Socratic Method of questioning unsound arguments.</li> <li>• Virtue, moral excellence creates happiness</li> <li>• Living a moral life brought happiness.</li> <li>• His willingness to criticize arguments that he found unsound, challenged and threatened some prominent Athenians.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In his ideal society, all citizens would fall into three categories (farmers &amp; artisans, warriors, ruling class)</li> <li>• Each soul existed before birth with the form of Good and has knowledge about everything – just needs to be recalled.</li> <li>• Selfish human behavior.</li> <li>• Goal: reach state of fulfillment. Beautiful objects tell us what is missing in life.</li> </ul> <p>Need to be educated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Method of arguing according to rules of logic (basis for scientific method)</li> <li>• Aristotle was more concerned with the way things are, in the world.</li> </ul>
Form of Government	Not a fan of democracy – potential for corruption	<p><b>Philosopher Kings</b> (created school to groom them)</p> <p><b>Ideal Government:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited social classes</li> <li>• No families</li> <li>• No private property</li> <li>• Not a fan of democracy</li> </ul>	<p>Government that works ruled by <b>one single strong virtuous ruler.</b></p> <p>Suspicious of democracy</p>
Contribution	<p>To redirect inquiries toward ethics and questions of moral conduct.</p> <p>“The unexamined life is not worth living”</p>	<p>Republic: First Utopian-Fulfilled society.</p> <p>First institution of higher learning.</p>	<p>He preferred and developed the processes of scientific observation and experimentation in the material world.</p>