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Greek Thinkers, Artists, & Writers



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Analyze the political and ethical ideas developed by ancient Greek philosophers.
- Understand how balance and order governed ancient Greek art and architecture.
- · Identify the themes explored by ancient Greek writers and historians.

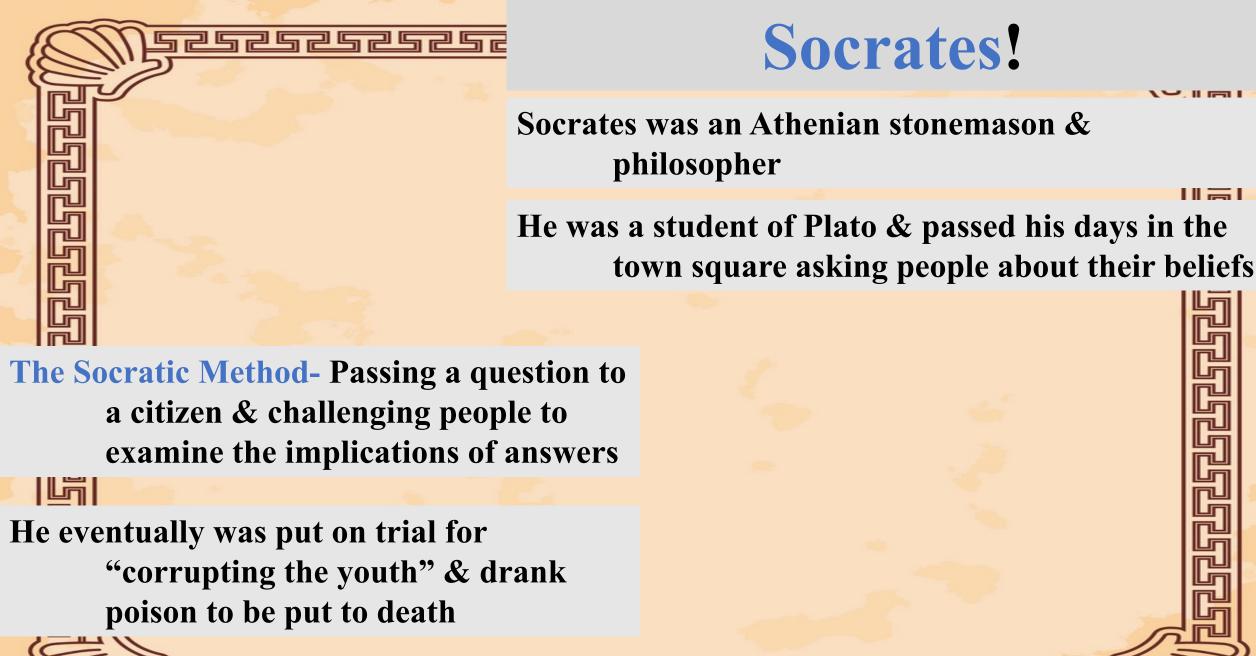
Philosophers & Pursuit of Wisdom

Philosophers- Greek thinkers, word meant "lovers of wisdom"

They sought logic- rational thinking to problems & observations

Greek philosophers were interested in ethics & morality & debated human behavior

They developed skills in rhetoric-the art of skillful speaking. They used this to advance careers



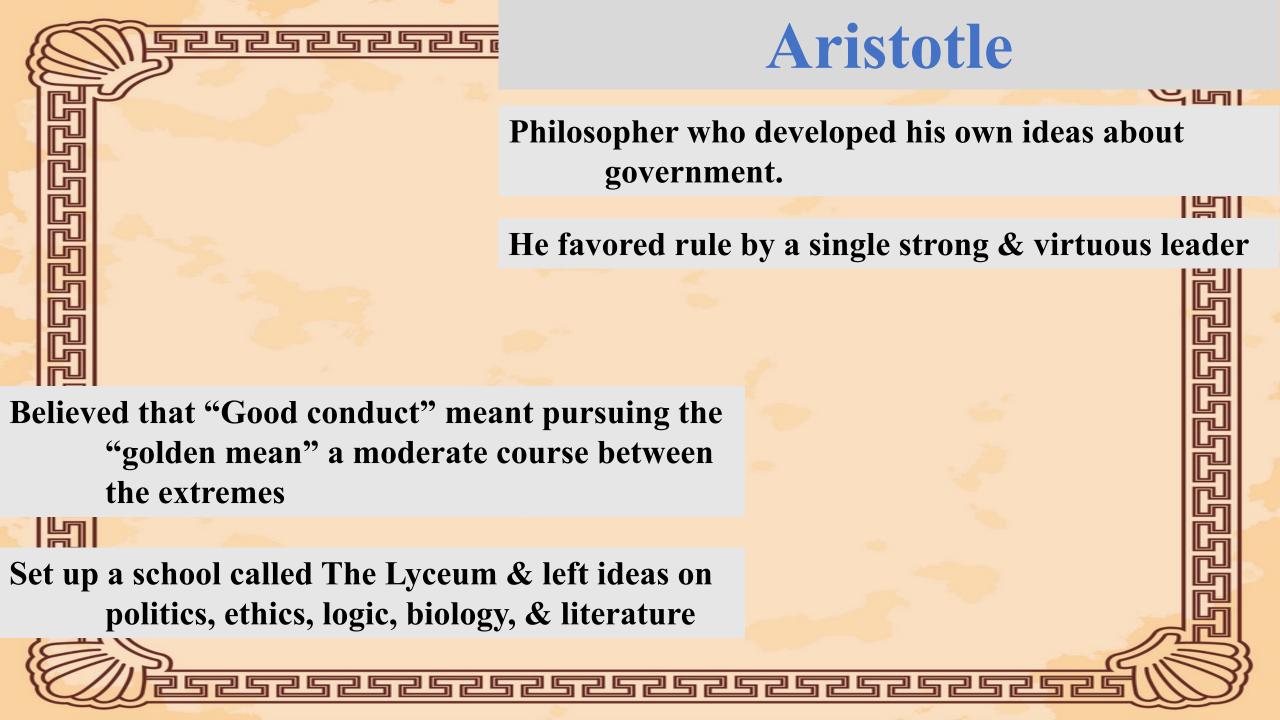
Plato

Opened up a school called the Academy & emphasized the importance of rason.

Wrote the book *The Republic* & argued that the state should regulate every aspect of citizens' lives in order to provide for their best interests

Developed society into 3 classes: Workers, Soldiers, & philosophers

Thought men surpassed women but "talented women" should be educated to serve the state



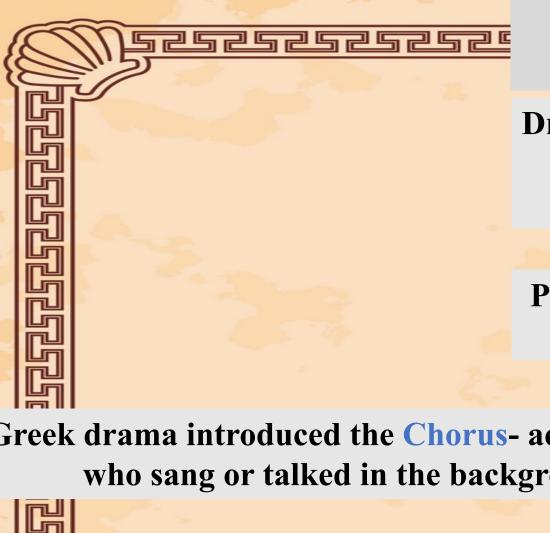
Architecture & Art

Greek architects loved balance & created structures like the Parthenon- A temple dedicated to the goddess Athena

Greek Architecture is seen today in buildings such as governmental establishments

Sculptors were interested in new techniques that emphasized more natural forms

Greek pottery showed paintings that emphasized everyday life



Greek Literature

Drama was the most important contribution to Greek literature & plays evolved out of religious festivals to Dionysus

Plays were performed in outside theaters & actors wore elaborate costumes & masks

Greek drama introduced the Chorus- actors who sang or talked in the background

Greek dramas were often based on popular myths & legends

