

Aim: Did Greek philosophy shape Western Civilization?

- Do Now: What is a philosopher?

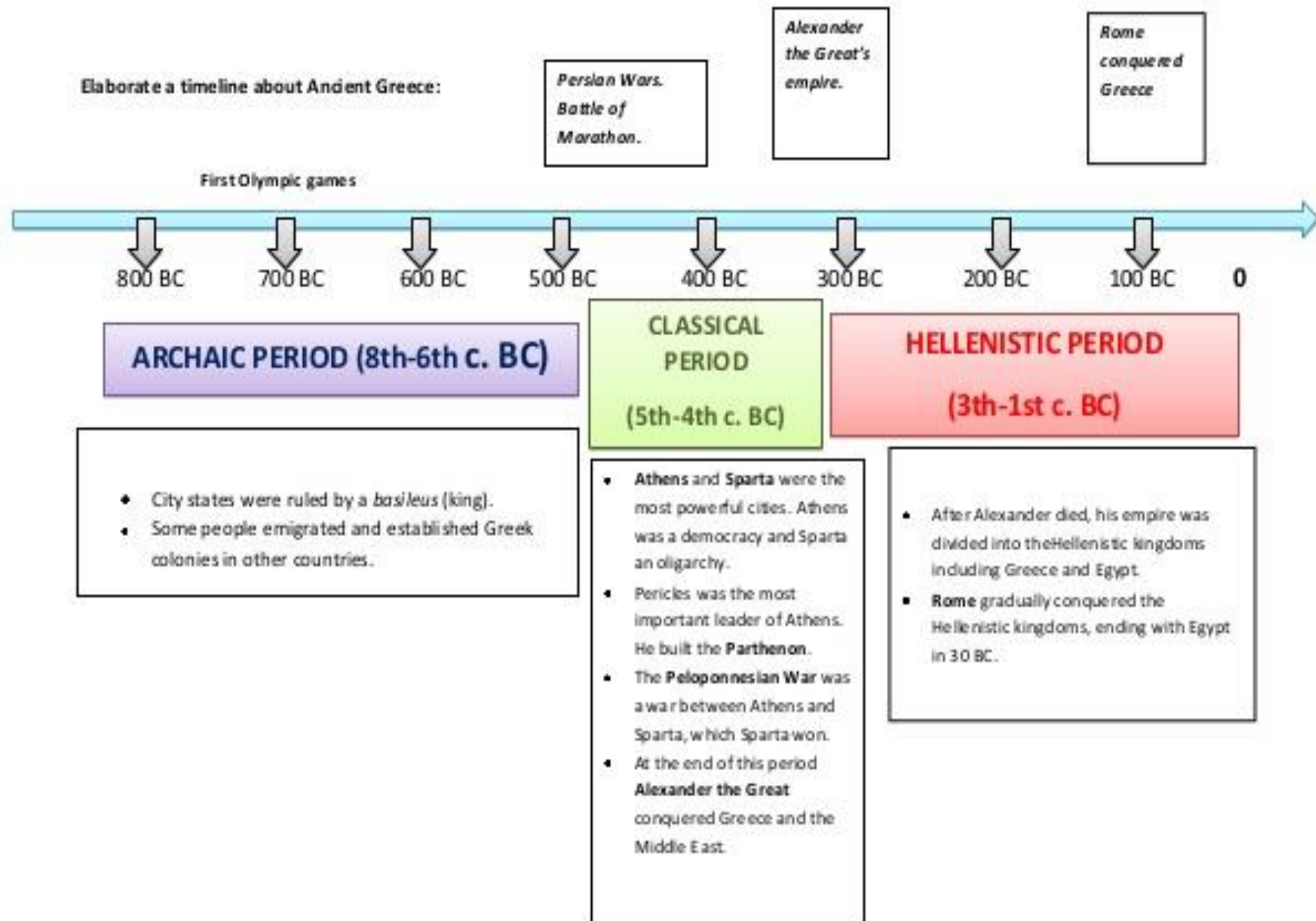
Philosopher

- “Lover of Wisdom”
- A person who attempts to answer the vital questions about man & nature

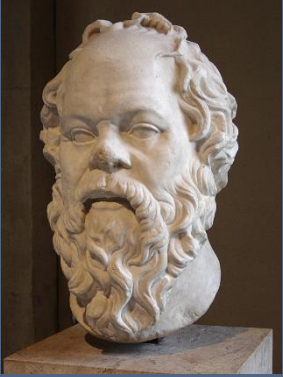
Philosophy

- the study of ideas about knowledge, truth, and the nature and meaning of life.

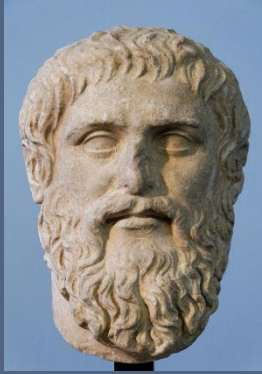
Elaborate a timeline about Ancient Greece:



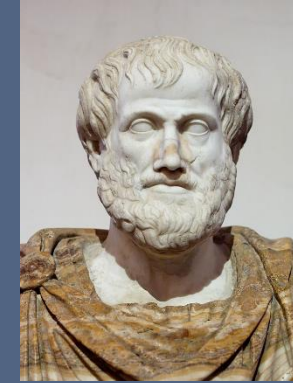
Socrates
470-399 BCE



Plato
(427-347 BCE)



Aristotle
384-322 BCE



- Focused on moral and psychological questions
- Socratic Method – Used a series of questions in debates to show the flaws in others' ideas - finding the truth through questioning
- “The unexamined life is not worth living.”
- Convicted of corrupting the mind of the youth –
 - Student of Socrates
 - The Republic - ethics, politics, and the nature of ideas
 - Democracy is bad -
 - Philosopher king - wisest should rule
 - Equality for men and women
 - 3 classes: workers, soldiers, philosophers – Each person should do the job they are best suited
- Student of Plato
- Tutor for Alexander the Great
- Advances in science & logic
- “A man who never develops his mind can never be happy”

- intellectual democracy vs. democracy by birthright.

Plato – Allegory of the Cave

- <https://www.lingq.com/lesson/platos-allegory-of-the-cave-alex-gendl-691722/>

What is an allegory?

- a kind of story in which what happens is being compared to something else that is similar and unstated.

The Cave - Plato

- What do you think the Allegory of the Cave is being compared with?
- Would you want to be released from the cave? Why or why not?
- What is like the cave in our world?
- How is the way you understand the world, your ideas and beliefs, shaped by the actions of others?
- Who has the power to shape your ideas and beliefs? In what ways is this good and in what ways is it not so good?
- Are there things you know to be true? What are they, and how do you know them? What is Plato trying to tell us in the allegory?
- How can we know things about the world? Through perception? Through reason?