

List of Influential Philosophers

Choose ONE and begin researching; become acquainted with your subject and start getting a feel for how you would like to design your background for the "Philosopher Website". Also, created a folder and start to gather information, images, ect.

1. [Socrates](#) - He taught us to question.
2. [Confucius](#) - Created the structure upon which China is modeled.
3. [Aristotle](#) - A wonderful classifier of knowledge.
4. [Plato](#) - Author of the Republic.
5. [Georg Hegel](#) - Champion of the Dialectic.
6. [Frederic Nietzsche](#) - Journeyed with us Beyond Good and Evil. He threw absolute morality on its head.
7. [John Locke](#) - Empiricist writings are crucial to Western Democracy.
8. [René Descartes](#) - In a sense Descartes and Cartesian thought are the basis for Modern Science.
9. [Francis Bacon](#) - A pioneer in the legal world he also stressed the importance of inductive methodology in scientific research.
10. [Immanuel Kant](#) - He was a critical figure in our understanding of reason, ethics and aesthetics.
11. [Carl Jung](#) - Spoke about the collective unconscious and the psyche as a self-regulating system.
12. [Jean-Jacques Rousseau](#) - Author of the Social Contract.
13. [Mohandas K Gandhi](#) - Indian Champion of Passive Resistance.
14. [David Hume](#) - Empiricist philosopher; he extended work of Locke and Berkley.
15. [Martin Heidegger](#) - Changed philosophy with his classification of 'being'.
16. [Zeno of Citium](#) - One of the leading proponents of Stoicism.
17. [Lao-Tzu](#) - Early Chinese Libertarian.
18. [Thomas Hobbes](#) - Political Philosopher; he was famous for the Leviathan.
19. [Mencius \(Mengzi\)](#) - He took the mantle of Confucius to the next level.
20. [Pythagoras](#) - Polymath. His work influenced music, math and the concept of the soul.
21. [Arthur Schopenhauer](#) - He rejected Hegel's idea and emphasized the role of human will.
22. [Ludwig Wittgenstein](#) - His Tractates logico-philosophicus looked at the role of language in philosophy.
23. [Tom Paine](#) - Revolutionary Philosopher that Wrote the Rights of Man.
24. [Thales](#) - Greek natural philosopher. Some see him as the first philosopher.
25. [William of Ockham](#) - Scholastic philosopher. Said, that 'entities should not be multiplied beyond necessity.'

26. [Auguste Comte](#) - Father of Sociology.

27. [Heraclitus](#) - Early Greek philosopher argued that all things consist of opposites eg. hot/cold, wet/dry etc.

28. [Epicurus](#) - Greek Philosopher. Argued that pleasure is the chief good, by pleasure he meant the absence of pain.

29. [Jean-Paul Sartre](#) - French Existentialist Bulldog.

30. [Protagoras](#) - Greek sophist. Presented a system of practical philosophy designed to train people for their duties as citizens.