

# Aristotle

**Date and place of birth:** 384 BC, Stagira, Greece

**Date and place of death:** 322 BC (aged 62), Chalcis, Greece



Aristotle was a Greek philosopher. Nowadays, there are three philosophers that are usually spoken of as the three most important in ancient Greece, namely Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. However, during the middle ages, Aristotle was so famous that Western thinkers referred to him simply as 'The Philosopher' and Arabic philosophers as 'The First Teacher'.

Aristotle became tutor to Alexander the Great, who later sent him plants and animals from parts of his new empire to classify. He is the earliest natural historian whose work has survived.

As well as being considered to be the founder of logic, Aristotle is also considered to be the father of rhetoric: the art of persuading people by means of the spoken word.

**Interesting fact:** It has been said that every human being relates to either the Aristotelian or Platonic way of thinking. Plato believed that our senses trick us so the only way to obtain the truth is by looking inside ourselves. However, Aristotle argued that gaining knowledge from the senses lead us to the truth. It is known that our modern sciences are built on Aristotle's thoughts.