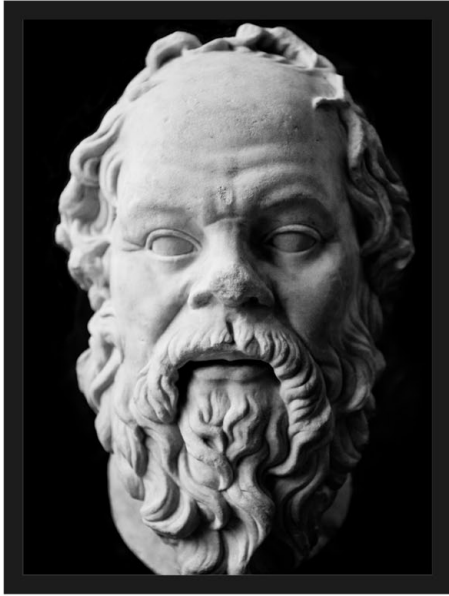


Socrates

Date and place of birth: 470/469 BC, Athens, Greece

Date and place of death: 399 BC (aged approx. 71), Athens, Greece.



Socrates was a famous ancient Greek philosopher. A philosopher is a great thinker and asks questions of everything. Many ancient Greeks considered Socrates to be a very wise man. He questioned everything and, unlike other philosophers, he did not want to answer questions on the universe, he wanted to question things like 'What is friendship?' or 'What is courage?'. He wanted people to be honest with each other, and search for the truth with one another. Doing this led Socrates to have his own unique style of reasoning. Even nowadays people still use the Socratic Method. He was very good at questioning others, listening to what they have to say and then probing them for contradictions. By using this method of trial and error Socrates would help them eventually reach an answer.

Interesting Fact: Socrates' inquiring mind unfortunately resulted in his death. His questioning angered many of the leaders in ancient Greece. He was accused of corrupting the young people of Athens and was sentenced to death. Whilst imprisoned, he drank poison and died.