Plato

Plato was born in Athens in 427 BC. Not much is known about his early life but he is believed to have been from a wealthy family. When he grew up, Plato became a student of Socrates. After Socrates was executed, Plato left Athens and travelled around the Mediterranean.

While travelling, Plato wrote some of his famous works, which are known as dialogues. In these, Plato would introduce several characters who would discuss different sides of a problem and come up with new ideas to solve them. Socrates often featured in these dialogues. Plato's most famous piece of work is 'The Republic', which is an example of a dialogue. In this work, several characters (including Socrates) discuss the meaning of justice and how it relates to people's happiness.

When he was around 40 years old, Plato returned to Athens to establish a school. One of his students was Aristotle.