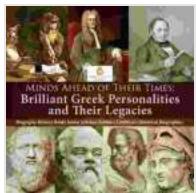


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Ancient Greece was a cradle of civilization, a place where some of the greatest minds in human history flourished. From philosophers and scientists to artists and leaders, the Greeks made groundbreaking contributions to Western civilization that continue to shape our world today. This comprehensive biography for juniors explores the lives and legacies of some of the most brilliant Greek personalities, providing a fascinating journey through time to discover their extraordinary ideas, remarkable achievements, and lasting impact.



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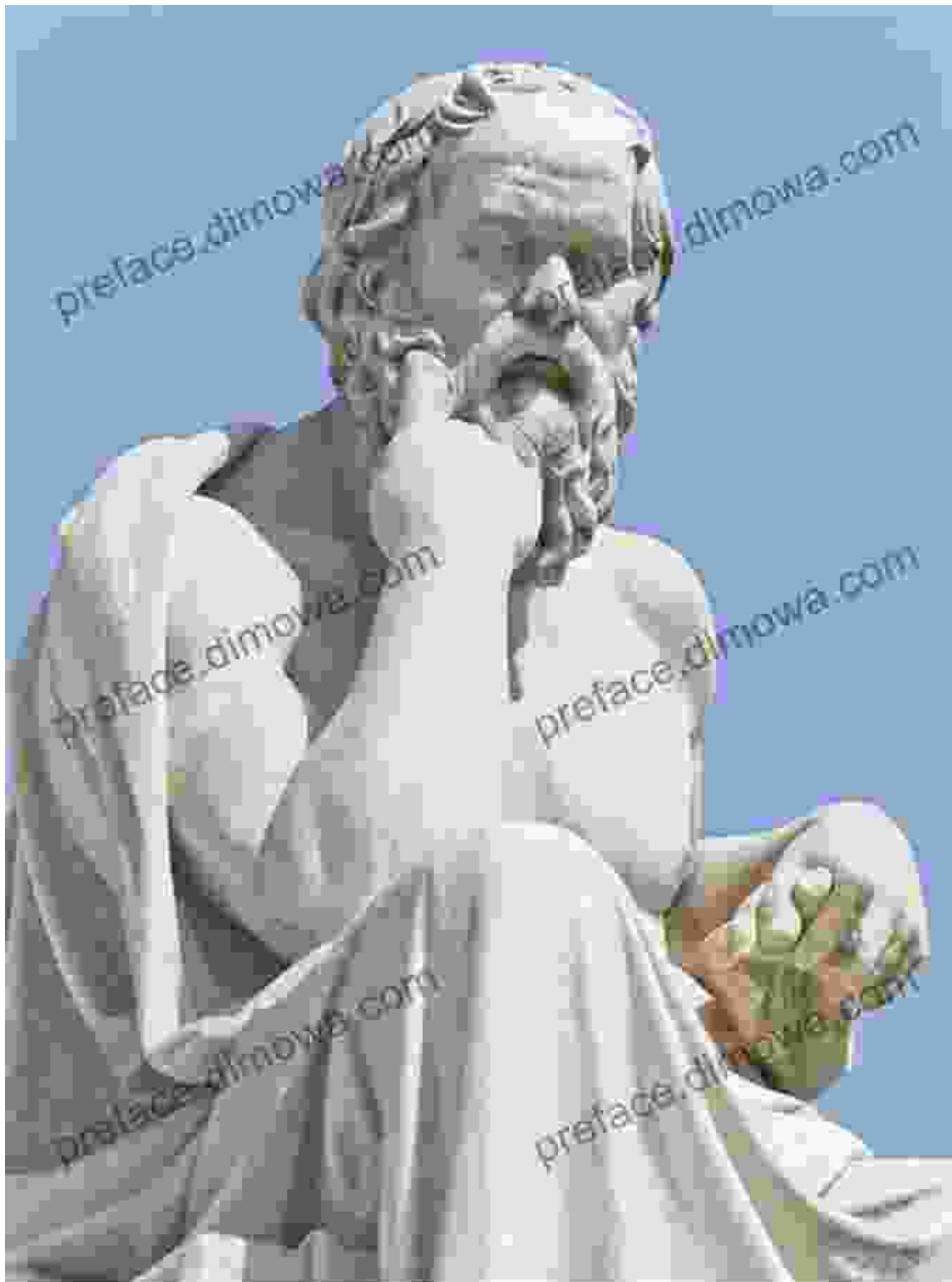
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**Philosophers**

**Socrates**



Socrates, known as the father of Western philosophy, was a pivotal figure in the development of critical thinking and ethical inquiry. Through his method of questioning and examining assumptions, he challenged conventional wisdom and encouraged his students to seek truth and knowledge. Socrates' teachings, preserved in the writings of his student Plato, have had a profound influence on philosophy, ethics, and education.

## **Plato**



Plato, Socrates' most famous student, was a brilliant philosopher who founded the Academy in Athens, one of the first institutions of higher learning in the Western world. His writings, particularly the "Republic" and the "Symposium," explored complex philosophical concepts such as ideal forms, justice, and the nature of love, shaping Western thought and influencing generations of philosophers and intellectuals.

## **Aristotle**



Aristotle, Plato's student and a towering figure in both philosophy and science, made significant contributions to logic, metaphysics, ethics, and natural philosophy. His writings, known as the "Organon," systematized knowledge and laid the foundation for much of modern science and Western thought. Aristotle's teachings influenced fields as diverse as

biology, physics, and political science, solidifying his legacy as one of the most influential thinkers in human history.

## Scientists

### Pythagoras

A portrait of Pythagoras, an ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician, wearing a white robe and a red sash. He is standing in front of a classical building with columns.

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Pythagoras, a mathematician and philosopher, is best known for the Pythagorean theorem, a fundamental principle in geometry. He founded a religious and philosophical movement that emphasized mathematics, music, and harmony, believing that the universe was governed by mathematical principles. Pythagoreanism had a profound influence on later Greek philosophers and mathematicians, shaping the development of Western science and mathematics.

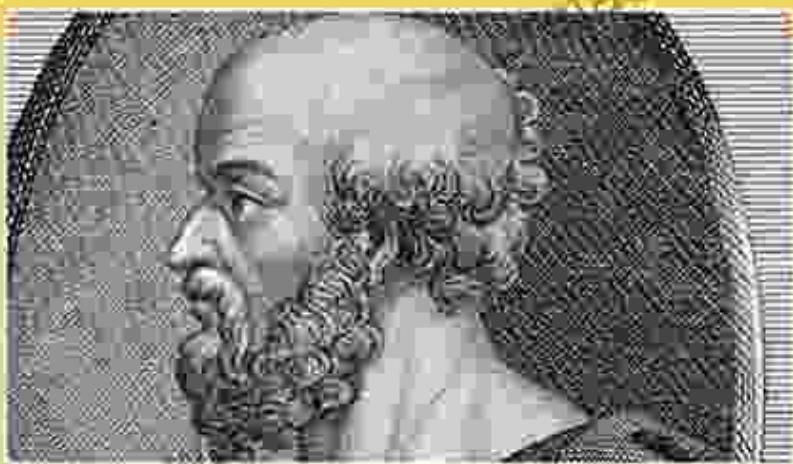
## **Archimedes**



Archimedes, a mathematician, physicist, and inventor, is renowned for his groundbreaking discoveries in mathematics, physics, and engineering. He developed the concept of buoyancy, invented the Archimedes screw, and made significant contributions to calculus, geometry, and astronomy. Archimedes' brilliant inventions and scientific theories continue to inspire and inform modern science and engineering.

# Eratosthenes ( Father of Geography )

Greek Mathematician, Geographer, Poet, Astronomer



1. Eratosthenes was the teacher of a Ptolemy IV Philaphator.
2. His devotees named him Pantathlos for his all round scholar abilities. Pantothlos is an adjective for olympic athletes with allround abilities.

Eratosthenes, a mathematician, geographer, and astronomer, is known for his remarkable calculation of the Earth's circumference with remarkable accuracy. He also developed a system of latitude and longitude, created the first map of the world, and made significant contributions to astronomy and mathematics. Eratosthenes' pioneering work laid the foundation for

cartography and geography, shaping our understanding of the world and inspiring future explorers.

## Artists

### Phidias



Phidias, a sculptor, is considered one of the greatest artists of all time. His monumental sculptures, including the colossal statue of Zeus at Olympia, were renowned for their beauty, grandeur, and technical brilliance. Phidias' work epitomized the classical Greek ideals of harmony, balance, and realism, influencing Western art for centuries.

## Praxiteles



Praxiteles, a sculptor, was known for his graceful and sensual sculptures that captured the beauty and emotion of the human form. His most famous works include the "Venus de Milo," an iconic representation of the goddess Aphrodite, and the "Hermes with the Infant Dionysus," a masterpiece of classical sculpture. Praxiteles' work influenced later Greek art and had a lasting impact on the development of Western sculpture.

## **Apelles**



Apelles, a painter, is considered one of the greatest artists of antiquity, although no original works survive today. His paintings were renowned for their beauty, realism, and technical mastery. Pliny the Elder, a Roman writer, described Apelles as "the greatest painter who ever lived," and his

work influenced later Greek and Roman art, shaping the development of Western painting.

## Leaders

### Pericles



Pericles, a statesman and orator, led Athens during its golden age, a period of great cultural and political prosperity. He was a skilled politician who expanded Athenian democracy and promoted the arts and sciences. Under his leadership, Athens became a center of learning and culture, attracting great minds from across the Greek world. Pericles' vision and leadership shaped Athenian society and left a lasting legacy on Western civilization.

## Alexander the Great



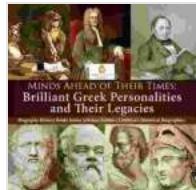
Alexander the Great, a king and military strategist, is one of the most famous figures in history. His conquests extended the Greek empire from Greece to India, spreading Greek culture and influence throughout the known world. Alexander's military genius and leadership skills have been studied and admired for centuries, and his legacy continues to inspire military leaders and historians.

## **Cleopatra**



Cleopatra, the last pharaoh of Egypt, was a brilliant and ambitious leader who ruled during a tumultuous period in Egyptian history. She was known for her intelligence, wit, and diplomatic skills. Cleopatra's alliance with Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony shaped the political landscape of the Roman Empire, and her legacy as a powerful and enigmatic queen continues to fascinate historians and storytellers.

The brilliant Greek personalities featured in this biography represent only a fraction of the remarkable individuals who contributed to the glory of ancient Greece. Their ideas, achievements, and legacies continue to inspire and shape our world today. By exploring the lives and contributions of these great minds, we gain a deeper understanding of the roots of Western civilization and the enduring impact of Greek culture on our history, culture, and collective imagination.



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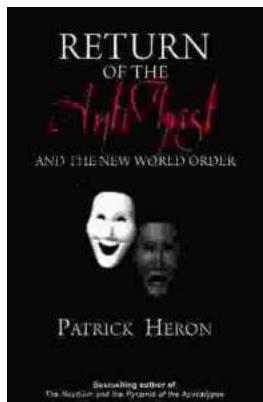
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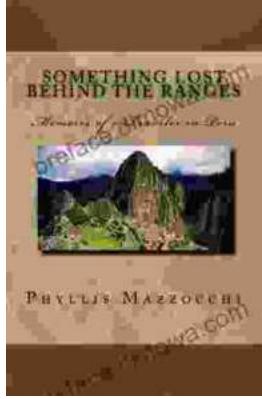
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