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ARISTOTLE

COMPREHENSION

Use the information on the page to find the answers to the questions below.



LIFE AND TIMES

- Aristotle was a Greek philosopher who lived from 384 BCE to 322 BCE.
- He was born in the city of Stageira in northern Greece.
- His father, **Nicomachus**, was a doctor and served at the court of King Amyntas III of Macedon.
- When Aristotle was about 17, he went to Athens and studied for 20 years at Plato's Academy.
- After Plato died, Aristotle left Athens.
- Around 343 BCE, King Philip II of Macedon invited Aristotle to teach his son, Alexander, who later became Alexander the Great.
- After Alexander became king, Aristotle returned to Athens and founded the **Lyceum** around 335 BCE. It became an important centre of learning.
- Aristotle wrote more than 200 works on many subjects including science, animals, plants, ethics, politics, logic and the natural world.
- Only about 31 of his works have survived to today.
- Aristotle believed that learning is best done by observing and thinking carefully. His ideas helped lay the foundations of many subjects we still study today.

Did you know?

Aristotle believed we learn best by observing the world carefully. He studied everything from animals and plants to the stars.



ARISTOTLE IS KNOWN FOR

- ★ Studying many subjects, including science, animals, plants and ethics.
- ★ Developing the idea of logic and clear thinking.
- ★ His work on ethics and living a good life.
- ★ His ideas about politics and how people should live together.



QUESTIONS

1. Where was Aristotle born?

2. When did Aristotle live?

3. What was the name of Aristotle's father?

4. What was Aristotle's father's job, and whose court did he work at?

5. Where did Aristotle go when he was about 17 years old?

6. How long did Aristotle study at Plato's Academy?

7. What happened after Plato died?

8. Whose son did Aristotle teach?

9. What was the name of the school Aristotle started in Athens?

10. How many works did Aristotle write?

11. About how many of his works have survived to today?

12. What did Aristotle believe was important in learning?

ARISTOTLE TAUGHT

ALEXANDER THE GREAT
Around 343 BCE



ANSWER THE EXTRA!

- ★ Who did Aristotle teach when he was a tutor in Macedon?

- ★ What is the name of the school Aristotle started in Athens?



THINK LIKE ARISTOTLE!

Aristotle loved to learn about the world around him and think carefully about big ideas. Write one question you would ask to learn more about how the world works.

