

PLATO

THE GREAT GREEK PHILOSOPHER

“ Knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind. ”

– PLATO

ABOUT PLATO



Plato was born in Athens, Greece, around 427 BCE into a noble family.



He was a student of Socrates and one of his most important followers.



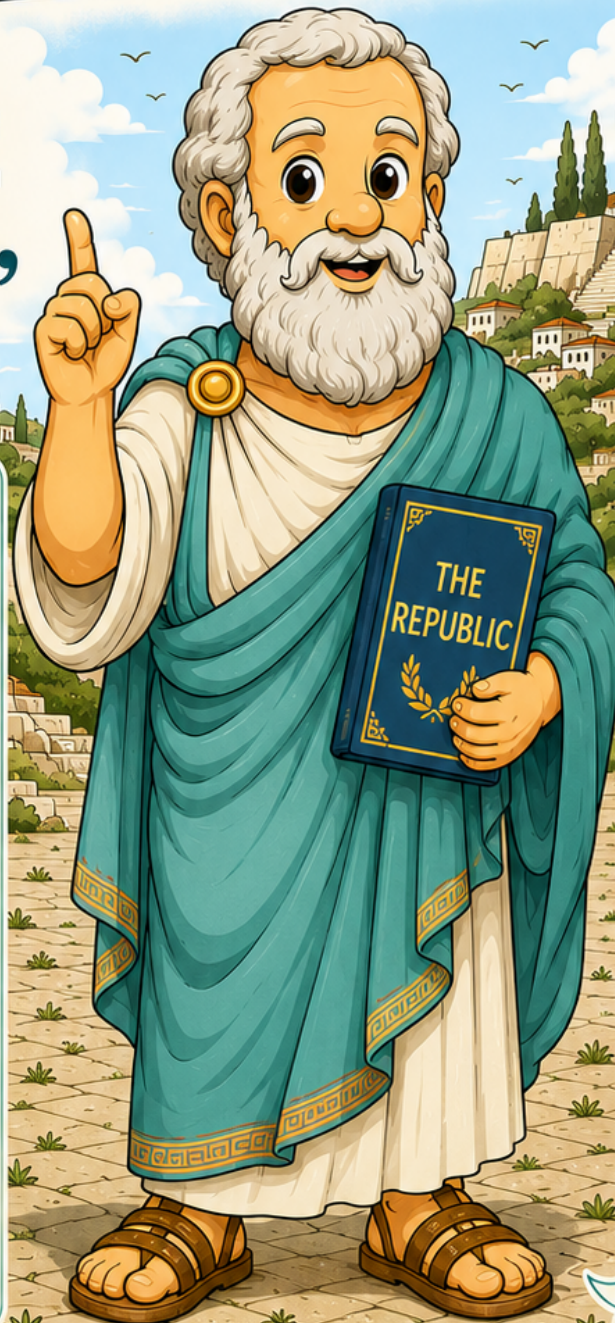
He founded the Academy in Athens, one of the first institutions of higher learning in the world.



He wrote about many subjects, including ethics, politics, education, art and reality.



He wrote in the form of dialogues, where Socrates is often the main speaker.



KEY IDEAS



THEORY OF FORMS

He believed there is a perfect world of ideas, and the things we see are only imperfect copies of those ideas.



JUSTICE

He believed a just society is one where everyone does the job they are best suited for.



EDUCATION

He believed education should develop the mind and character to help people live good lives.



THE GOOD LIFE

He believed the good life is living in harmony with truth, goodness and reason.

“ I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing. ”

– PLATO



He encouraged people to think carefully and seek the truth.

HIS LEGACY



His ideas influenced Western philosophy for more than 2,000 years.



He inspired countless philosophers, scientists and thinkers.



His works, including *The Republic*, are still studied today around the world.



His Academy was the model for universities and schools for centuries.