

SOCRATES

THE FATHER OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

“The unexamined life is not worth living.”

– SOCRATES

ABOUT SOCRATES



Socrates was born in Athens, Greece, around 470 BCE.



He loved asking questions and encouraged others to think for themselves.



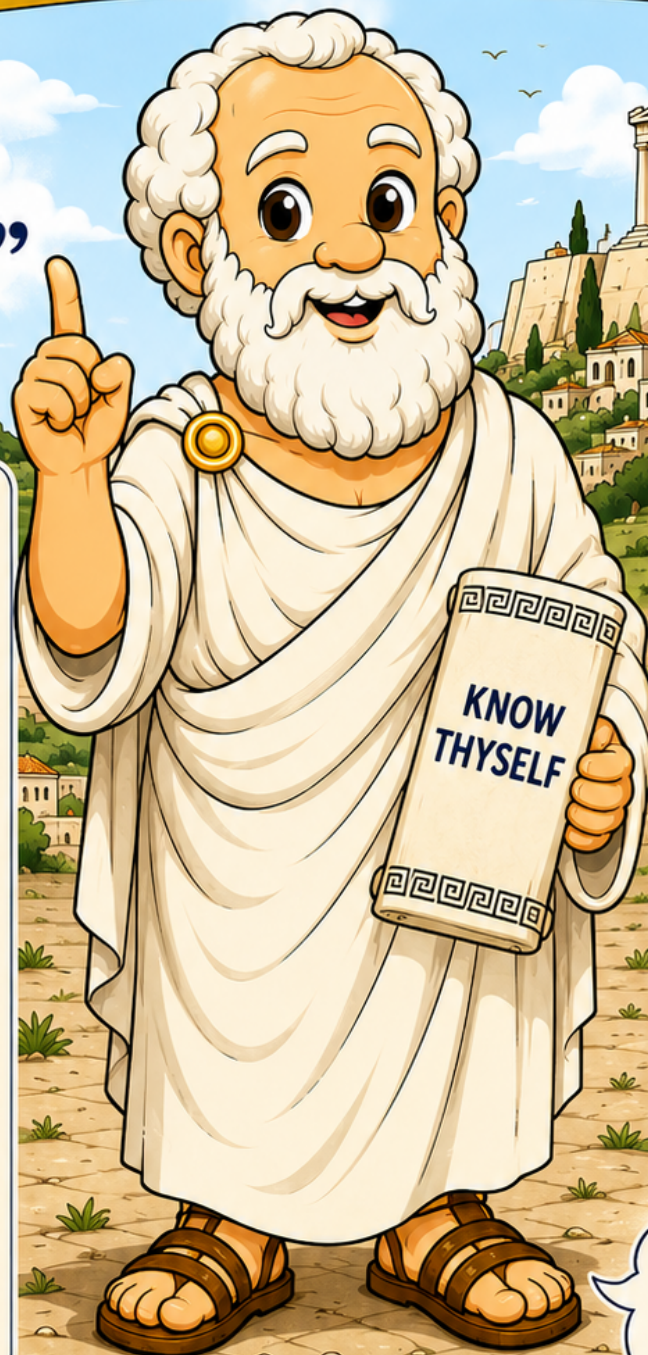
He taught that wisdom and virtue were closely connected.



He spoke out against injustice and always followed his beliefs.



He was sentenced to drink hemlock (poison) in 399 BCE for challenging unjust laws, but he refused to escape.



KEY IDEAS



ASK QUESTIONS

He believed that asking good questions helps us discover truth and wisdom.



THINK DEEPLY

He encouraged people to think carefully about right and wrong.



KNOW YOURSELF

Understanding yourself is the first step to living a good life.



LIVE VIRTUOUSLY

He believed a good life is one guided by wisdom, justice, courage and temperance.

“Wisdom begins in wonder.”

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HIS LEGACY



Inspired many great thinkers.



Helped shape Western philosophy and education.



His ideas influence us still today.



Encouraged dialogue, respect and critical thinking.



He shows us that wisdom begins with a question.