



## Plato Aristotle





## ANTIQUITY

- Plato and Aristotle were the first philosophers to examine systems of society and determine its best form for its inhabitants.
- Aristotle was the first to classify societies into democracies, oligarchies, monarchies, etc. He was concerned not only with "value questions" but also with "developing a system of knowledge."
- The greatest legacy of ancient Greek social science was the creation of history as a discipline: recording of (somewhat) objective facts about people, places, and events. (E.g., Herodotus and Thucydides.)



