

In this chapter we shall cover a great deal of material. The general overview is given below in an outline. There are ten sections. They will be broken up into a number of mini lectures. There will be discussion questions based on the more important issues of philosophical interest. There is a great deal of material available at your library and on the Internet. References will be offered. There will be a large number of links to sites on the Internet. You are invited to visit them. Please keep in mind that the only materials that are on internet sites that you will need to read will be clearly marked with something like, READ or even "You must read..... click here." The more interested you are you may want to look into this period of time in the West much further than time permits us here in this course. First you might consider the linked materials. So look over the outline below and then move on to the next section.

Greek Thought

Classical Period


Outline


I. Culture and History.

Social State

II. Arts


Playwrights

 Thespis 560B

 Aeschylus 525-456BC

 Sophocles 496-405BC

 Euripides 485-406B

 Aristophanes 450-385BC

III. The Sophists

IV. Technology & Gadgets

V. Paideia (Culture)

Education

Poetry > Morality > cynicism> Rationalism

Mimesis > Subjectivism > Dialectic Thought

VI. Speculative Thought

From MYTH to PHILOSOPHY

VII. Science

VIII. Pre-Socratic Philosophers

IX. Socrates 470-399BC

- Life Line—**ION**
- Trial—**EUTHYPHRO, APOLOGY**
- Prison—**CRITO**
- Death —**PHAEDO**
- Legacy

X. Plato 428-348BC

- Overview
- The Theory of the Forms—**PHAEDO**
- The Good Life—**REPUBLIC**
- The Process—**SYMPOSIUM T**
- The Legacy—**Platonism**