

# Plato

Plato was a philosopher in Classical Greece and the founder of the Academy in Athens, the first institution of higher learning in the Western world. He is widely considered one of the most important figures in the development of Western philosophy.

Plato's writings explored justice, beauty, and equality, and also contained discussions in aesthetics, political philosophy, theology, cosmology, epistemology, and the philosophy of language. His most famous works include "The Republic," "The Symposium," and "The Allegory of the Cave."

Plato was born in 428/427 or 424/423 BC in Athens, Greece. He died in 348/347 BC in Athens, Greece.

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