

Pioneers and Milestones in Philosophy

History Of Philosophy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Who is historically credited as the first Western philosopher for predicting a solar eclipse in 585 BCE?

A) Thales of Miletus

B) Anaximander

C) Heraclitus

D) Pythagoras

2. Which philosopher is recognized for inventing the 'Socratic Method,' an educational technique of questioning to stimulate critical thinking?

A) Plato

B) Socrates

C) Aristotle

D) Epicurus

3. What was the name of the first institution of higher learning in the Western world, founded by Plato in Athens around 387 BCE?

A) The Lyceum

B) The Stoa

C) The Academy

D) The Museum

4. Which philosopher is credited with creating the first formal system of deductive logic, known as the syllogism?

A) Aristotle

B) Zeno of Elea

C) Parmenides

D) Democritus

5. Who is considered the first modern philosopher to explicitly use the 'method of doubt' to establish a foundation for knowledge?

A) John Locke

B) David Hume

C) René Descartes

D) Baruch Spinoza

6. Which pre-Socratic philosopher is famously associated with the first atomic theory, proposing that the universe consists of indivisible particles?

- A) Empedocles
- B) Anaxagoras
- C) Democritus**
- D) Protagoras

7. Who wrote 'Principia Mathematica' (1910), a landmark work that attempted to derive all of mathematics from pure logical principles?

- A) Bertrand Russell and Alfred North Whitehead**
- B) Gottlob Frege and Ludwig Wittgenstein
- C) Gottfried Leibniz and Kurt Gödel
- D) George Boole and Alan Turing

8. Which work is widely regarded as the first systematic treatise on political philosophy in the Western tradition?

- A) The Republic by Plato**
- B) Politics by Aristotle
- C) The Prince by Machiavelli
- D) Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes