

Foundational Philosophy Facts

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1. Which ancient Greek philosopher is often referred to as the 'father of Western philosophy' and lived approximately from 470 to 399 BCE?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Plato
- C) Socrates
- D) Pythagoras

2. The famous philosopher René Descartes, known for his statement 'Cogito, ergo sum' ('I think, therefore I am'), was born in what year?

- A) 1596
- B) 1637
- C) 1789
- D) 1848

3. Immanuel Kant, a central figure in modern philosophy, published his seminal work 'Critique of Pure Reason' in which year?

- A) 1781
- B) 1790
- C) 1800
- D) 1811

4. Which philosopher, known for his theory of Forms, was a student of Socrates and founded the Academy in Athens around 387 BCE?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Plato
- C) Epicurus
- D) Heraclitus

5. Friedrich Nietzsche, a prominent philosopher of the 19th century, died in what year?

- A) 1899
- B) 1900
- C) 1910
- D) 1925

6. The philosopher John Locke, an influential figure of the Enlightenment, was born in the year:

- A) 1600
- B) 1632
- C) 1648
- D) 1666

7. Niccolò Machiavelli, author of 'The Prince', published this influential work in which year?

- A) 1513
- B) 1532
- C) 1550
- D) 1570

8. Which philosopher developed the concept of the 'categorical imperative' and lived from 1724 to 1804?

- A) Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel
- B) Arthur Schopenhauer
- C) Immanuel Kant
- D) John Stuart Mill

9. Søren Kierkegaard, often regarded as the first existentialist philosopher, was born in which year?

- A) 1805
- B) 1813
- C) 1820
- D) 1831

10. The renowned philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in which year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1950
- C) 1955
- D) 1960

11. Which philosopher, considered a key figure in phenomenology, was born in 1859 and died in 1938?

- A) Jean-Paul Sartre
- B) Martin Heidegger
- C) Edmund Husserl
- D) Albert Camus

12. Karl Marx, whose theories profoundly influenced politics and economics, co-authored 'The Communist Manifesto' in which year?

- A) 1845
- B) 1848
- C) 1864
- D) 1872