

**Welcome**  
**To**  
**A Level Philosophy**



**Y11 → Y12 Transition**  
**Summer Work**

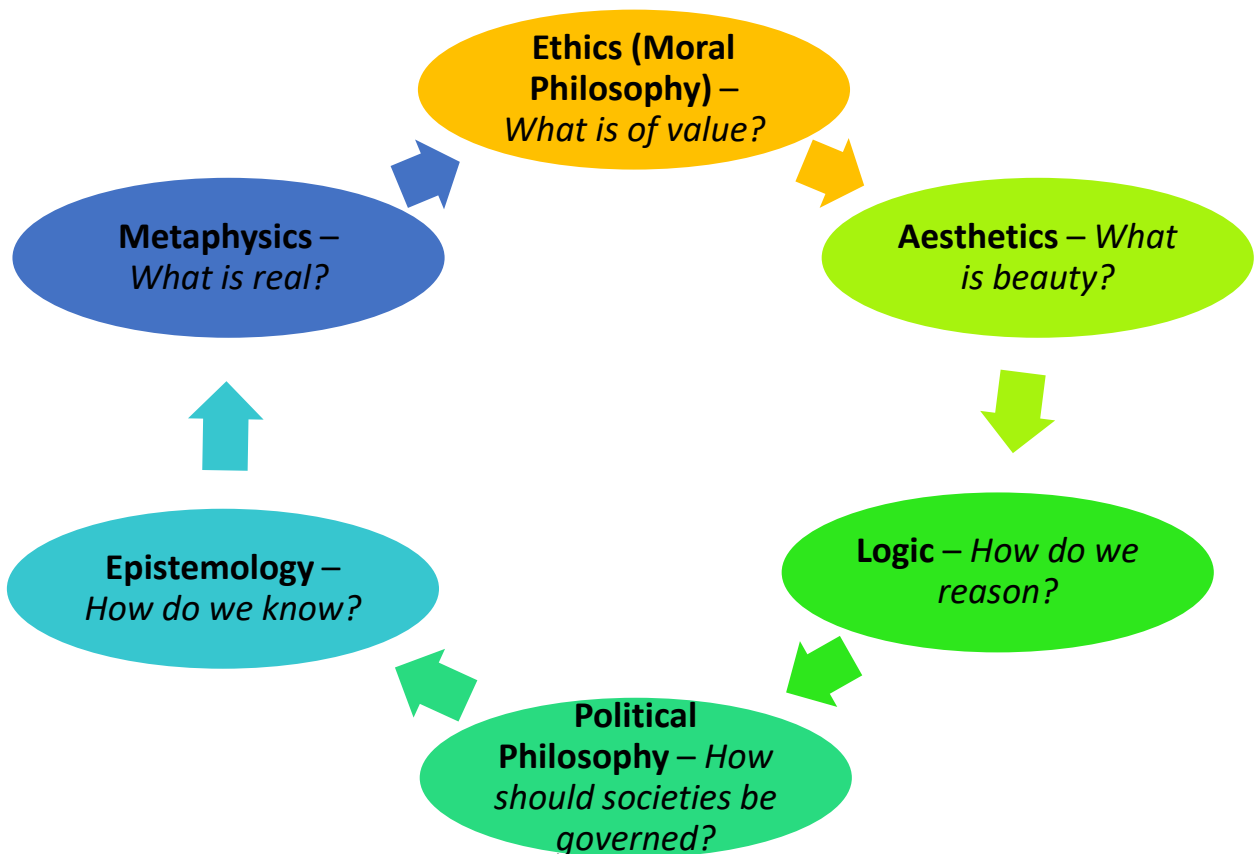
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# Introduction Philosophy

The word **Philosophy** comes from the Greek *philo* (love) and *sophia* (wisdom) and so is literally defined as “the love of wisdom”. More broadly understood, it is the study of the most basic and profound matters of human existence. Philosophical schools frequently develop in response to some perceived failure of religion to provide answers to fundamental questions.

A Level Philosophy is an introduction to philosophical thinking. Philosophy is about asking, and attempting to answer, fundamental questions such as: what is knowledge; do we see the world as it is, or is our perception of the world misleading; does God exist and what is the problem of evil; what is the nature of mind and can we explain the mental purely in terms of the physical; what is moral goodness, and what is the nature of moral language.

The study of philosophy combines reading from the works of great philosophers, identifying the issues and arguments involved, and arriving at reasoned conclusions.



# Roots of Western Philosophy Task:

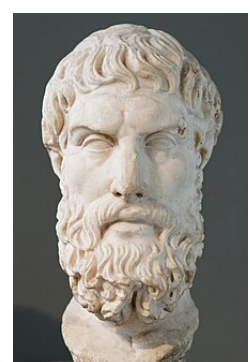
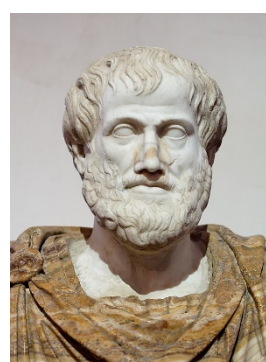
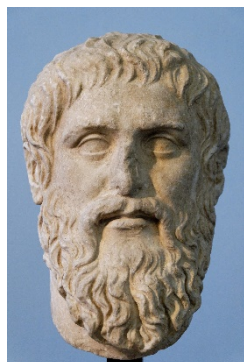
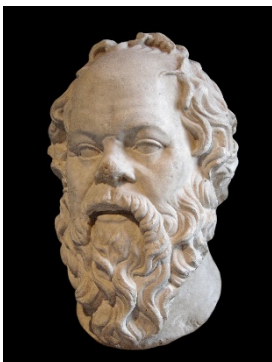
Find out about some of the key Greek philosophers who later influenced many of the philosophers who you will look at.

For each of the philosophers below can you please find out the following information;

- Mini biography which includes birth, death, where they were from, main key events in their life.**
- Academic work they wrote (books, essays etc.)?**
- Which branches of philosophy are they associated with?**

## Philosophers:

- Socrates
- Plato
- Aristotle
- Epicurus



# Read, Watch & Listen

Read



Tasks:

1. Scan the QR code from a Smart Device to access the relevant article or access the relevant article via the link below:
2. Read the article on What is philosophy – an introduction.
3. Use the information to a bullet point summary or what philosophy is and the different branches of philosophy.



<https://cdn.hillsroad.ac.uk/files/what-is-philosophy-1.pdf>

Watch



Tasks:

Watch one film/ documentary and write a summary of how it links to Philosophy. *What are the themes/ philosophical ideas?*

The Truman Show	The Joy of Logic <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qn1-QScOyE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qn1-QScOyE</a>
Flight	The Evolution of Freewill <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXwRjb7WF7E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXwRjb7WF7E</a>
Matrix	Human All Too Human <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9f1F5jUzaM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9f1F5jUzaM</a>
Dark Knight	The God Delusion <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C7pyLn-orM&amp;list=PLha3YB_mJpaulBdFFjVHtPb2fZLut1CsJ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C7pyLn-orM&amp;list=PLha3YB_mJpaulBdFFjVHtPb2fZLut1CsJ</a>
Me Before You	Epicurus on Happiness <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-j7Hmi8jok">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-j7Hmi8jok</a>
My Sister's Keeper	Seneca on Anger <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hy0kUHUYeBU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hy0kUHUYeBU</a>
The Life of Pi	Crash Course Philosophy <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKYt3GY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKYt3GY</a>
Dead Man Walking	Examined Life <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vzXyHETfwo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vzXyHETfwo</a>

Listen



Tasks:

1. Listen to a philosophy Podcast of your choice on any topic.
2. Jot down x5 bullet points (minimum) detailing what you've learnt.

<https://thepanpsycast.com/>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr/episodes/downloads>  
<https://dailystoic.com/podcast/>  
<https://philosophynow.org/podcasts>