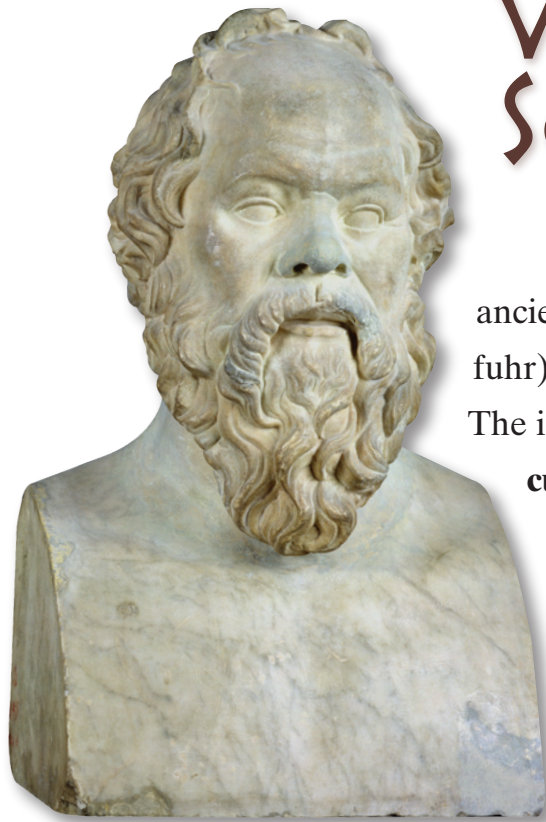


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# WHO WAS SOCRATES?

Socrates (SAWK-ruh-teez) was an ancient Greek **philosopher** (fuh-LAWS-uh-fuhr). He helped to shape Greek beliefs. The ideas he created are present in our **culture** today.

Socrates was born in 470 B.C. He grew up during the Golden Age of Athens. This was a time period when Greece was very powerful. His family lived near Athens.

- ▼ The Acropolis was built during the Golden Age of Athens.



◀ Map of ancient Greece

## Greek Geography

Greece is located on the southern tip of Europe. It borders the Aegean (ih-JEE-uhn), Adriatic (ay-dree-AT-ik), and Mediterranean (MED-uh-tuhr-RAY-nee-uhn) seas. Greece is made up of a large mainland surrounded by many smaller islands.

## Greece Is Growing

The Minoans (muh-NO-uhn) were the first great **civilization** (siv-uh-luh-ZAY-shuhn) of the ancient Greek world. Then, the Mycenaean (my-suh-NEE-uhn) people arrived around 1600 B.C. Around the eighth century B.C., Greek towns began to grow.

