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| Aesop | Greek slave who wrote fables. |
| Agamemnon | The king who lead the Greeks against Troy in the Trojan War. He returned home to be killed by his wife. |
| Alexander the Great | King of Macedonia who conquered Greece, Egypt, India, and Persia. |
| Archimedes | Greek scientist who invented useful machines (law of lever, Archimedes screw, catapult). Found pi. |
| Aristotle | A Greek Philosopher, taught Alexander the Great, started a famous school, studied with Plato, believed in observation of the material world. |
| Cyrus the Great | King of Persia and founder of the Persian empire (circa 600-529 BC). |
| Darius | The Persian king who wanted to conquer Greece to complete his empire. |
| Homer | A Greek poet, author of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. |
| Pericles | Athenian leader. Built Parthenon and other buildings on the Acropolis. |
| Plato | Student of Socrates, wrote *The Republic* about a perfectly governed society. |
| Pythagoras | Philosopher who believed that everything could be explained in terms of mathematics. |
| Socrates | Greek philosopher who believed in questioning everything. He was sentenced to death for corrupting Athens youth. |