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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. |