

Some Historical Information About Philosophers We'll Read

Philosopher	Dates	Nationality	Ranking
Plato	424/423 BC - 348/347 BC	Ancient Greek	1
Aristotle	384 BC - 322 BC	Ancient Greek	2
Thomas Aquinas	1225 AD - 1274 AD	Sicilian (~ Italian)	10
Rene Descartes	1596 AD - 1650 AD	French	5
Blaise Pascal	1623 AD - 1662 AD	French	unranked
David Hume	1711 AD - 1776 AD	Scottish	4
Immanuel Kant	1724 AD - 1804 AD	Prussian (~ German)	3
Jeremy Bentham	1748 AD - 1842 AD	English	unranked
John Stuart Mill	1806 AD - 1873 AD	English	14

Note: the ranking is based on a poll of philosophers and is available here:

<http://leiterreports.typepad.com/blog/2009/05/the-20-most-important-philosophers-of-all-time.html>