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Greeks or Romans?

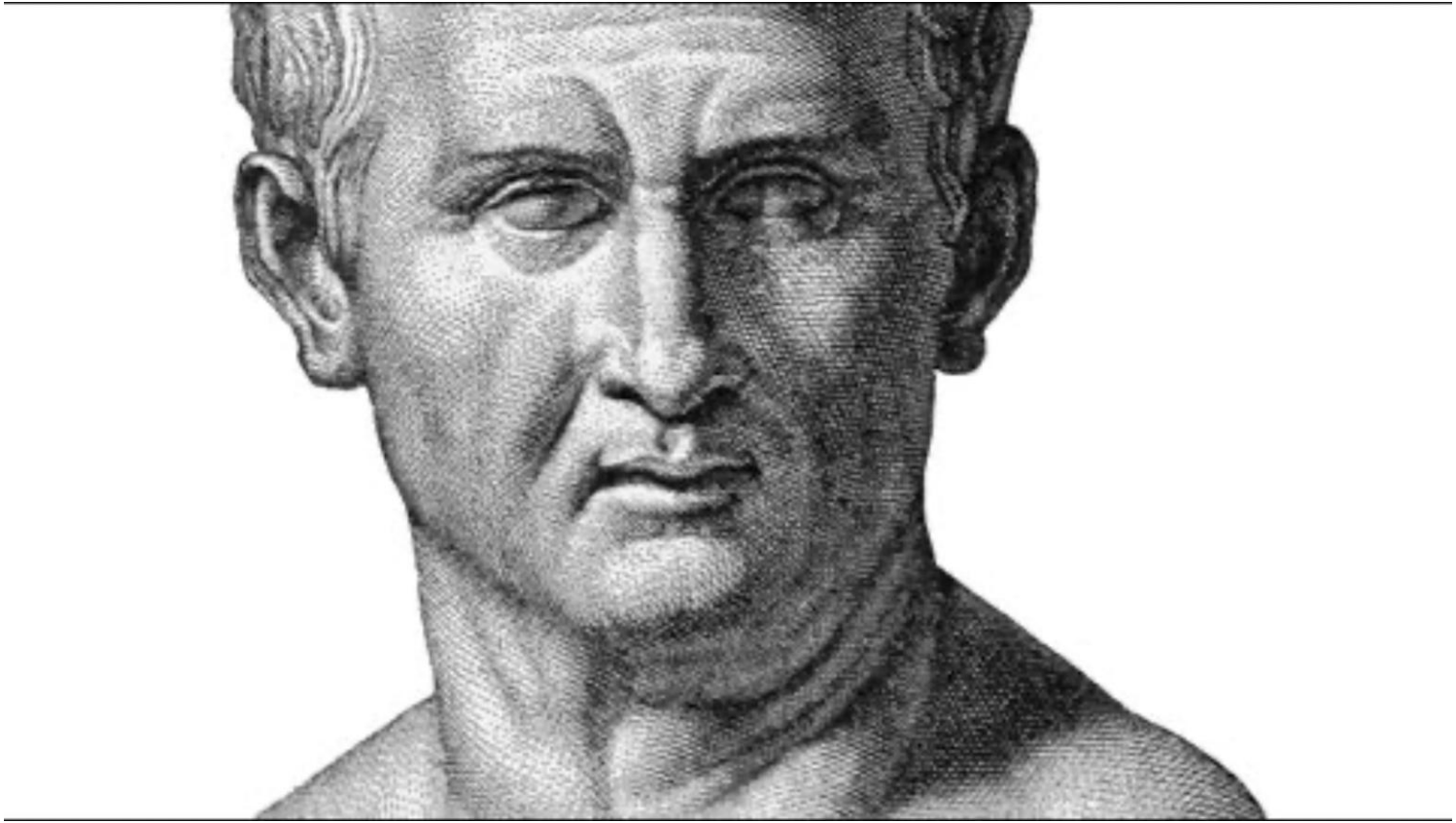
Ancient Philosophy

Essential Questions

- Who had the greater contribution of political ideas, the Greek philosophers or the Roman philosophers?
- Who has had the greater impact on later political thought in Western societies?

Learning Objective(s)

- Analyze the democratic and republican forms of government that were used by the Ancient Greeks and Romans.
- Explore key political concepts that were developed by the Ancient Greek and Roman Civilizations.
- Describe the impact of ancient Greek and Roman philosophers on the modern world.



Law and Justice - Cicero and Roman Republicanism - 12.3 Cicero and the Constitution

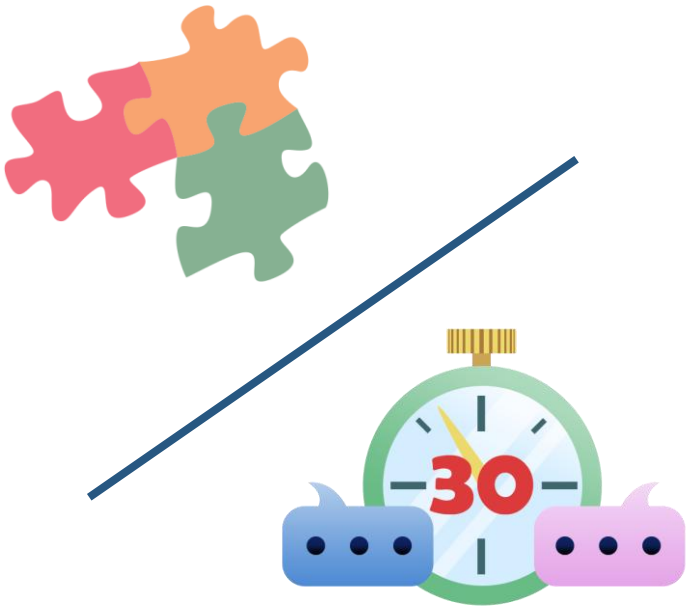
PLATO VS. ARISTOTLE



Plato and Aristotle (Introduction to Greek Philosophy)

Jigsaw + 30-Second Expert

- Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)
- Plato (c. 427-347 BCE)
- Cicero and the Natural Law



Claim, Evidence, Reasoning (CER)

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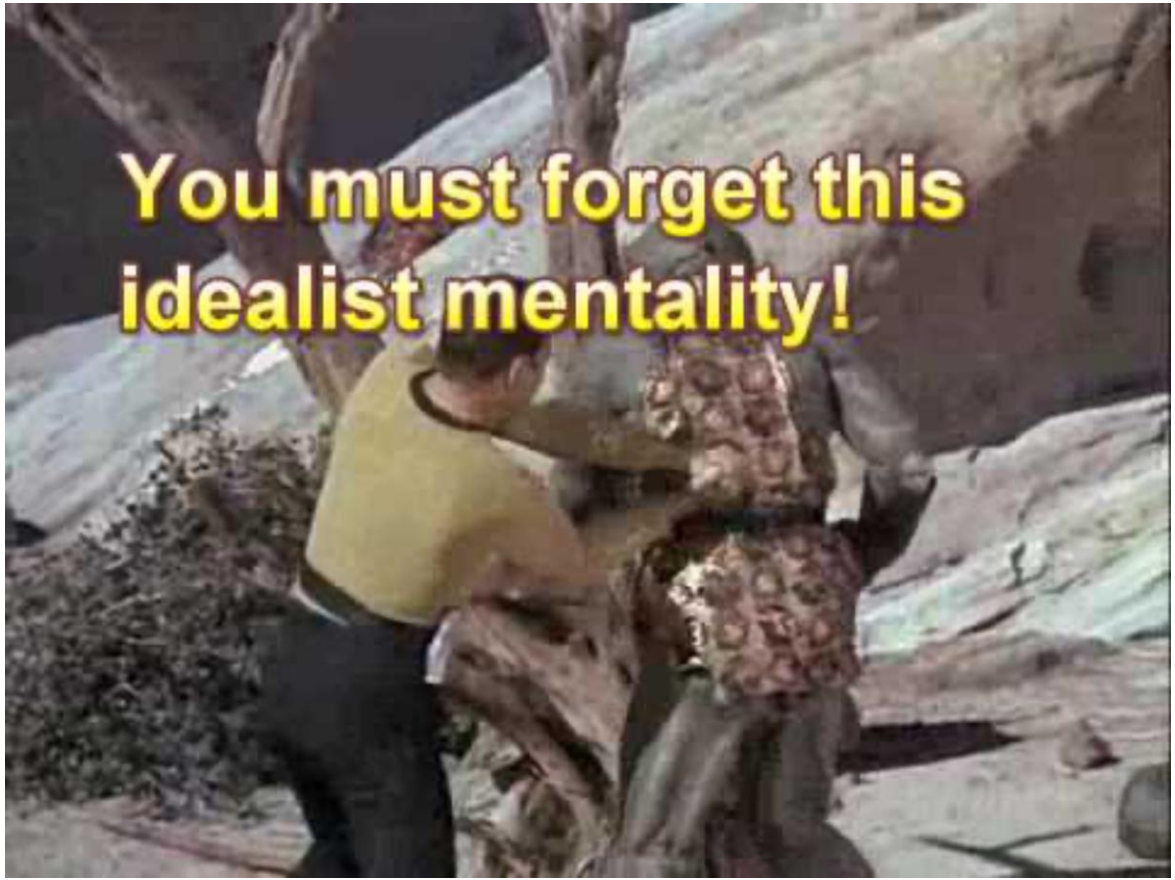
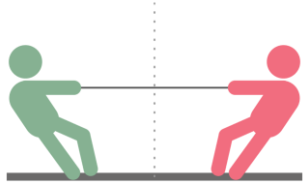
CER Example

Claim	I believe that the Romans were the greatest philosophers and made a greater impact on Western society than the Greeks.
Evidence	• From the videos, it stated that the Romans… • From the readings, the Romans were superior to the Greeks because…
Reasoning	When you think about modern society today, we owe a lot to the Romans. From the information, the Romans gave us a rich legacy that included…



Aristotle VS Plato

Tug-of-War



- Choose a side of who you think is more influential on Western society—Greeks or Romans.
- Discuss the most important ideas that support your side.
- Write each idea on a sticky note.
- Place your sticky note on the board with the most important ideas closest to the end of the rope.

Bento Box



Draw or insert images into each spot in the Bento Box according to each of the prompts:

- **Greek Contributions:** Identify an important Greek political idea.
- **Roman Contributions:** Identify an important Roman political idea.
- **Modern Connection:** Explain how these ideas have influenced modern government.
- **Evaluation:** Make a claim about whether Greek or Roman contributions had a greater lasting impact.