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THE ANSWER

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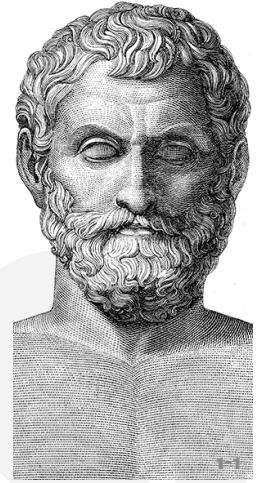
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**NOTEBOOK PAGES,
MAPS, & CREATIVE
FREEWRITINGS**

MEET THE PHILOSOPHER

THALES



Title(s):

Famous Quote:

NAME THALES' BIRTHPLACE AND THREE DESTINATIONS TO WHICH HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TRAVELED.

WHAT MADE THALES DIFFERENT FROM OTHER INFLUENTIAL THINKERS BEFORE HIM?

1

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT THALES BELIEVED?

WHAT DID THALES IDENTIFY AS THE ARCHE (ESSENTIAL SUBSTANCE OF LIFE), AND WHY?

LESSON 1

☞ HIS STORY UNFOLDS

IN THE BEGINNING OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY, WHAT THREE DISCIPLINES WERE INTERMINGLED?

WHAT WERE SOME OF THALES' ACHIEVEMENTS?

WHAT FOUNDATIONAL BELIEF HELD BY THALES SHARPLY CONFLICTS WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?

2

ACCORDING TO DIOGENES LAERTIUS, HOW DID THALES DIE?

T H A L E S

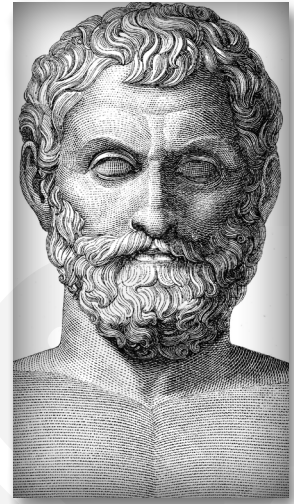
T H A L E S



IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW,
LABEL EACH LOCATION ON THE MAP AND RECORD FACTS FROM THE TEXT.

MILETUS	
HAYLS RIVER	
EGYPT	
BABYLON	
LYDIA	
DELPHI	

T H A L E S



WRITING TIPS

It is far easier to be engaging in your writing when you choose a subject about which you are passionate.

Like most skills, good writing is developed through practice. It is similar to playing scales on an instrument. If you do not do so already, start a journal and commit to writing in it at least five minutes every day.

To further develop your writing skills, surprisingly, it can be better to invest the entire quarter writing and rewriting one finely crafted paper than to write several unpolished papers and, in the process, establish the habit of prolific yet half-hearted writing.

Give yourself permission to write really “terrible” first drafts. (We will talk more about the concept of the “terrible” first draft later.) Then, once you have some raw material, work and rework your piece until it communicates your message with clarity and elegance.

THALES, THE STAR GAZER

Your Setting: You are carrying your water pitcher to the well to draw water.

The Action: You see this funny old man leaning into the well. Suddenly he leans too far, and you see him tumble in!

Your Assignment: Describe the scene and tell what happens.

Background: Is there anything you would like to say to set up the scene?

The Dialogue: Do you speak with Thales? What does he say?

Your Senses:

- ~ What do you see?
- ~ What do you hear?
- ~ What do you smell?
- ~ What temperature and textures do you encounter?
- ~ Do you taste the water?

Set the timer for fifteen minutes, use the back of this page, and *write!*

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Sample

T H A L E S

MEET THE PHILOSOPHER

P Y T H A G O R A S

Title(s):

Famous Quote:



NAME PYTHAGORAS' BIRTHPLACE AND THREE DESTINATIONS TO WHICH HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TRAVELED.

WHAT ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHER DID PYTHAGORAS SUPPOSEDLY MEET, AND WHAT ADVICE DID HE GIVE TO PYTHAGORAS?

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DID PYTHAGORAS DISCOVER THE PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM? IF NOT, WHO DID?

WHAT IS THE NAME OF PYTHAGORAS' HOMELAND AND WHAT IS ONE EXPLANATION FOR WHY HE LEFT IT?

LESSON 2

🌀 HIS STORY UNFOLDS

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS HE PLACED ON HIS FOLLOWERS?

WHAT DID PYTHAGORAS SUPPOSEDLY HAVE SUCH A STRONG ADVERSION TO THAT ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DEATH. SUMMARIZE THE STORY.

WHAT FOUNDATIONAL BELIEF HELD BY PYTHAGORAS SHARPLY CONFLICTS WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?

8

NAME AT LEAST TWO LEGENDS ABOUT PYTHAGORAS THAT SPREAD IN THE FIRST AND SECOND CENTURIES. PROVIDE A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR WHY THEY AROSE.

P Y T H A G O R A S

P Y T H A G O R A S



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IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW,
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CROTON	
EGYPT	
MILETUS	
SAMOS	
SYRIA	
TYRE	

WRITE ✪ THINK ✪ SPEAK
JOURNAL

WRITE SKILLFULLY ~

JOURNAL

For your first assignment, ponder and write your answers to three of the most profound questions philosophy seeks to address. Set a timer for 30 minutes and write the best answers you can in the time allotted.

1. Where did I come from and why am I here?

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~ WRITE SKILLFULLY

JOURNAL

2. Why is there evil, suffering, and death?

52 3. Is there hope for my future? If not, why? If so, what is the source of that hope?

T H A L E S

JOURNAL

1. How do you define learning? (See p. 5)
2. What have you studied extensively—an academic subject, music, technology, or something you enjoy in your free time—and how did you learn about it? (Write about the process.)
3. What can inspire you to develop your memory “muscle”?

~ SPEAK ARTICULATELY

JOURNAL

1. What does it mean to have a transcendent goal?

2. Can you identify a prize for which you would be willing to suffer?

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3. What are some things you can do that will help you persevere as you pursue that prize?

T H A L E S

G L O S S A R Y

Note: Words can be viewed in-context in the lesson and on the page indicated in parentheses beside them.

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