Political Philosophers of the Ancient World

Confucius Epicurus

Han Fei (Han Feizi) Thales of Miletus

Hammurabi Zeno of Elea or Zeno of Citium (Stoic founder)

Socrates Laozi

Plato

Aristotle

Cicero

Chanakya

Socrates

Mozi

Xenophon

Diogenes of Sinope

Aeschines

Mencius

Xun Zi

Thiruvalluvar

Pliny the Younger

Pythagoras

**Political Philosopher Wall of Fame Displays**

You will be creating a display for the wall outside our classroom that will show major political philosophers, their beliefs, and their political impacts throughout human history. You will be provided with a square of paper and on it you must:

1. Include birth and death dates & where he/she was born (2pts)
2. Include 3 facts about the person’s personal life – need to be important/formative (3pts)
3. Include a picture or drawing of your person – this can be hand-created or printed; stylization is encouraged (artistic filter, cartoon, comic book style, etc.) (4pts)
4. Include 3 political beliefs (6pts)
5. Include 2 major impacts the person’s beliefs had on history or later politics (4pts)
6. Include one quote that provides an example of the person’s beliefs (3pts)

Example:

**Max Weber**

**Major Political Theories:**

* Distinguished 3 ideal types of political leadership domination: charismatic (familial & religious), traditional (patriarchs, feudalism) & legal (modern law & state, bureaucracy)
* Defines “the state” as that entity which possesses a delegatable monopoly on the legitimate use of physical force
* Says an ideal bureaucracy is characterized by hierarchical organization, expert training, and career advancement depending on qualifications

**Impact on Society:** Regarded as one of the founders of modern sociology and heavily influenced the later 20th century philosopher Leo Strauss

**Quote**: “One can say that three pre-eminent qualities are decisive for the politician: passion, a feeling of responsibility, and a sense of proportion.”

**Born:** 1864 in Germany **Died:** 1920

**Personal Life**:

* Considered rude by his teachers because he read all 40 volumes of philosopher Goethe instead of doing other school work
* Received a doctorate in law from the University of Berlin in 1189
* Married Marianne Schnitger, a feminist activist and author who published Weber's journal articles after his death and her biography of him is an important source for understanding Weber's life

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