

# Plato

Democracy NOT ideal form of government **D**

Philosopher king would rule the best **G**

Democracy is dangerous because majority of people are too ignorant/uneducated to make wise/virtuous decisions **D+**

Philosopher kings, as wisest **G+** would make best possible laws

Student of Socrates

Education essential for a good government

Est. the Academy

# Aristotle

Democracy COULD BE ideal govt-monarchies & aristocracies could be good too **D**

Democracy could be ideal govt IF people were well educated & virtuous OR king with advice of philosophers **D+**

Believed well educated & virtuous citizens would be capable of making wise & moral laws, but unrealistic **G**

If citizens were well educated, they would have wisdom & morals to make good laws OR king who took advice of philosopher **G+**

Teacher of Alexander the Great

Thought that belief in total equality could be a danger to democracy

Thought the best form of govt would have rule from the middle class

