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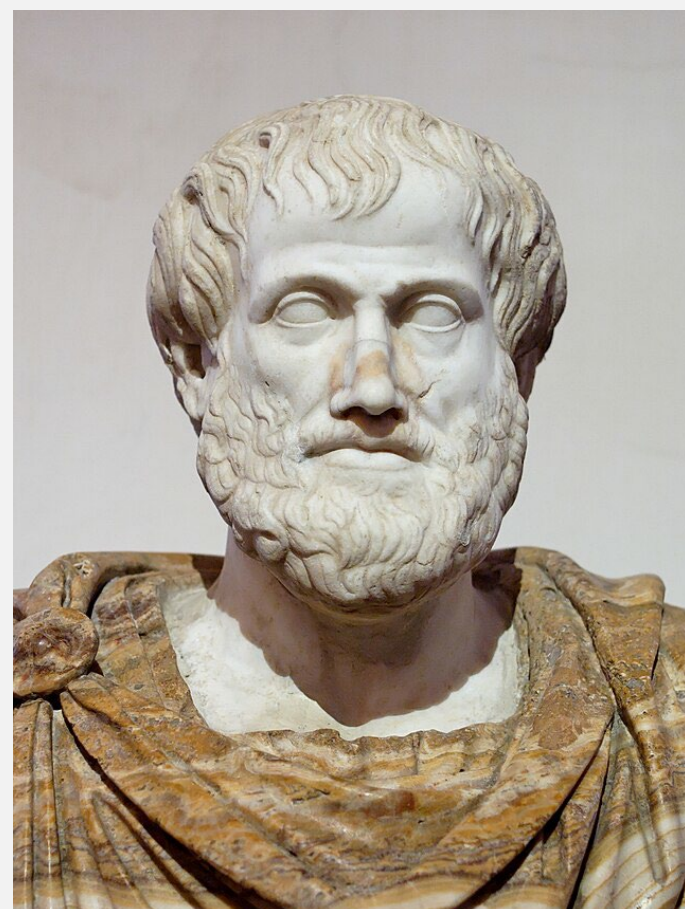
What did research look like?

The fundamental ideas of research developed in the ancient Mediterranean during the times of the Greeks and Romans. While modern day science differs in many aspects, a lot of fundamental aspects are based in classical literature.

Thesis

In this project I examined the earliest developments of the studies of animals in ancient Mediterranean society and how it developed and changed.

Aristotle



Aristotle was a renowned philosopher in ancient Greece whose studies were very broad ranging from Philosophy to natural sciences.

He was one of the first people to write so extensively about animals with a more scientific angle.

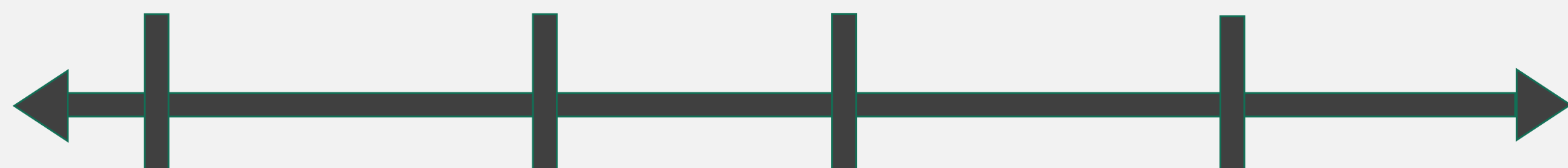
His writing centered around the ideas of observation and comparison.

Aristotle
384 B.C.E –
322 B.C.E

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Pliny
20 C.E –
79 C.E

Galen
129 C.E –
216 C.E



Pliny the Elder

Pliny the elder was not only a military officer of the Roman Empire, but also a naturalist and philosopher.

His work *Natural History* is considered to be the earliest form of an encyclopedia. It predominantly features stories and comments about animals in both nature and interactions with humans.



Galen

Galen was an accomplished physicist who was enamored with the study of anatomy.

His works included some of the most detailed experiments in anatomy of that time, many of which were conducted on animals.

His works went on to found a lot of our modern day understanding of basic anatomy in both humans and animals.



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