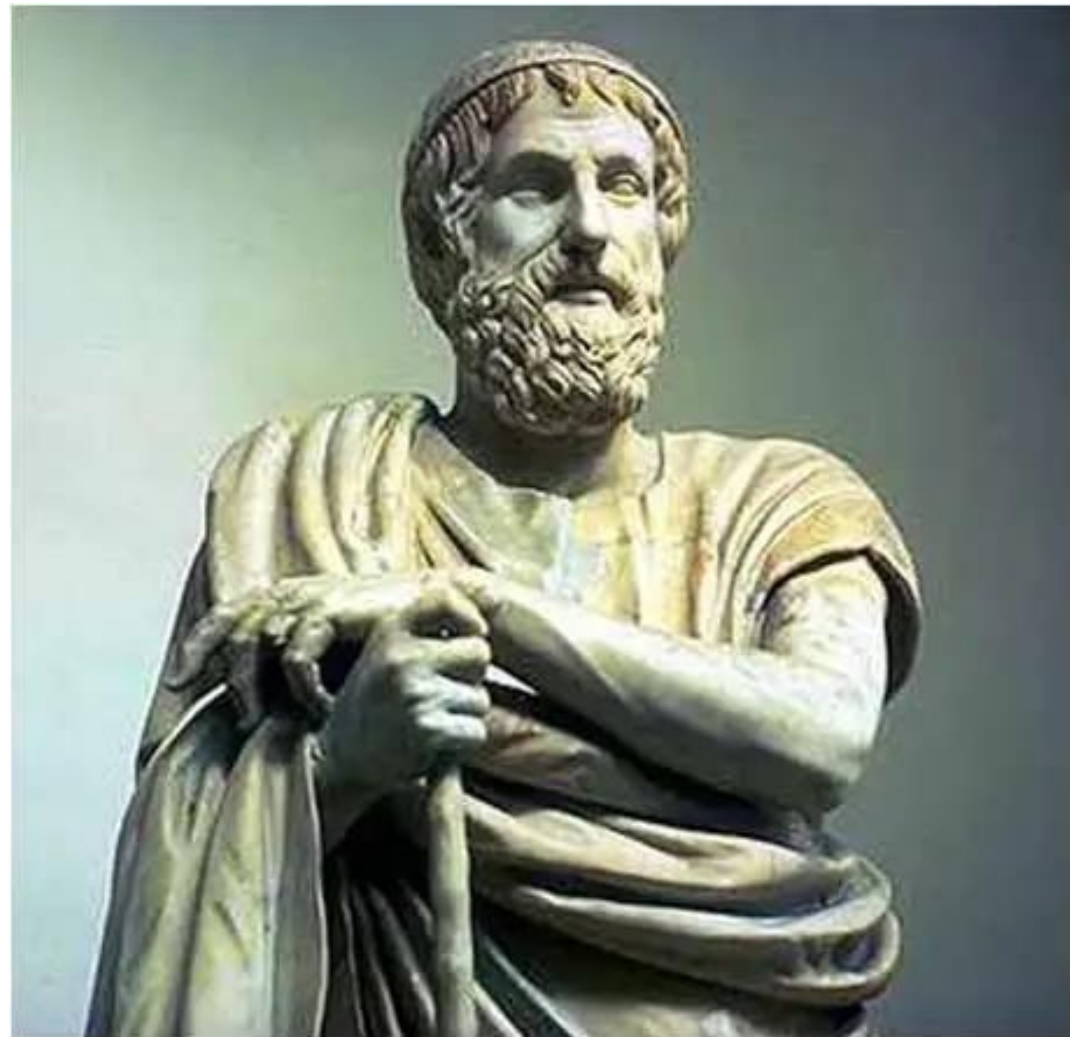


# THALES OF MILETUS

## Biography

- Born about 620 BCE – 636 BCE in Turkey
- Died 546 BCE in Turkey



## Philosophy (major Ideas)

**Regarded as the first real philosopher because he attempted to explain the world in terms of its observable nature rather than mythology.**

- ↪ This meant his conclusions could be subject to rational arguments and whether they were right or wrong.
- ↪ \*This inspired others, as a succession of philosophers now came forward with their own explanations...

He “discovered” the seasons, which he divided into 365 days.

**Everything was made up of water.**

- ↪ The earth floats on water! (hence the reason for earthquakes)
  - ↪ He sets the tone for all future philosophers by getting it wrong!!!
  - ↪ This acknowledgement that water is the basic principle shows that Thales gave *no acknowledgement to Gods*
    - ↪ ...he may have observed that all creatures are moist and that warmth itself generates from moisture and lives by it, thus his belief.