

# Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes: Pre-Socratics Philosophers

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# Philosophy and Science

- ▶ Science and Philosophy ..not separate.
- ▶ born together on the 6th century B.C.

# The First 3 Western Philosophers are from *Miletus*

- ▶ Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes: sought the PRIMARY SUBSTANCE.

## Thales(625-545 BC)

- ▶ Thales: primary substance is water- fundamental substance is the source of all living things.

Anaximander (610-547 BC)

- ▶ **Primary Substance:**  
Boundless, changing,  
undefined.

# Anaximenes (585-525 BC)

- ▶ Primary Substance: Air-
- ▶ All matter is composed of air.
- ▶ Air is central for life.



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