

Friedrich Nietzsche

1844 - 1900

By: Amy Ahonen, Emily Crawford and MJ McAlister



Birth - Higher Education Timeline

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche was a cultural critic, essayist, and philosopher from Germany.

- ❖ Born October 15, 1844 in Rocken, Germany
- ❖ After his father and brother died he was the only man in the house therefore he took a leadership position early on
- ❖ Later on (the date was not specified) Nietzsche was accepted into Schulpforta (the best preparatory school in the area) where he learned humanities, theology, and classical languages.

Birth - Higher Education Timeline

- ❖ 1864- Started at the University of Bonn gave up theology and went on to study classical languages on a deeper level and get a career in Physiology.
- ❖ 1865- Started at the University of Leipzig and devoted himself to studying.
- ❖ 1868- By 1868 he was “being promoted as a phenomenon in classical scholarship” (ieput.edu).
- ❖ 1869-became a professor of Greek language and literature at the University of Basel in Switzerland.

Spiritual Point of View

- ❖ Nietzsche believed that philosophy should deeply reflect one's personal concerns.
- ❖ He said that traditional Western morality of philosophy and Christianity in particular opposes a happy life.
- ❖ He believed that “good” designated only the people with political or social power to live by the force of will
- ❖ He believed that “evil” referred to forceful action that would be praised. This idea was influenced by slavery.

Existential Point of View

- ❖ Nietzsche's Existential view said basically do what you want
- ❖ You have no responsibility to anyone to do what they say to be your own superman
- ❖ Nietzsche helped create the ideas of existentialism by wondering why we in fact are on the earth when we have no one to give us any moral basis

Citation: By Rejecting Faith, This Superman and His Ideal Society. "Friedrich Nietzsche Thus Spoke the Radical Individual." *Existential Primer: Friedrich Nietzsche*. N.p., n.d. Web. 02 Oct. 2016.

Ethical Point of View

- ❖ Nietzsche ethical view was that each individual would live a life without false limits of moral responsibilities
- ❖ He believed that because there was no God that you were not held to a moral standard
- ❖ Nietzsche's famous quote "God is dead" speaks to the fact that he believed that in a society it limits your potential to achieve greatness

Citation: Kemerling Garth "Nietzsche. N.p., 12 Nov. 2011. Web. 02 Oct. 2016

How was he influenced by other philosophers?

Nietzsche was mainly influenced by philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer and composer Richard Wagner.

- ❖ Arthur Schopenhauer was a German philosopher who was an atheist that believed that the world was essentially irrational. He believed that no matter how much people tried human beings had no way to alter the degree of misery that they experience, and that trying to end suffering only made it worse.
- ❖ Nietzsche had always admired Richard Wagner's music. The two of them eventually became close friends, for they had a lot in common. Both despised their middle class society in which they lived; both had visions of its destruction by the using floods of blood and its replacement by a society in which godlike heroes were in control.

Piece of Art



Bibliography

"Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy." *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. N.p., n.d. Web. 03 Oct. 2016.

"Friedrich Nietzsche Thus Spake the Radical Individual." *Existential Primer: Friedrich Nietzsche*. N.p., n.d. Web. 02 Oct. 2016.

Kemerling Garth "Nietzsche. N.p., 12 Nov. 2011. Web. 02 Oct. 2016

"Nietzsche." *Bio.com*. A&E Networks Television, n.d. Web. 03 Oct. 2016.

Ryan, Alan. "The Will to Madness." *NY Times*. N.p., 24 Jan. 1999. Web. 30 Sept. 2016.

Wicks, Robert. "Friedrich Nietzsche." *Stanford University*. Stanford University, 30 May 1997. Web. 03 Oct. 2016.