



“The difference between treason and patriotism is only a matter of dates.”

— Alexandre Dumas

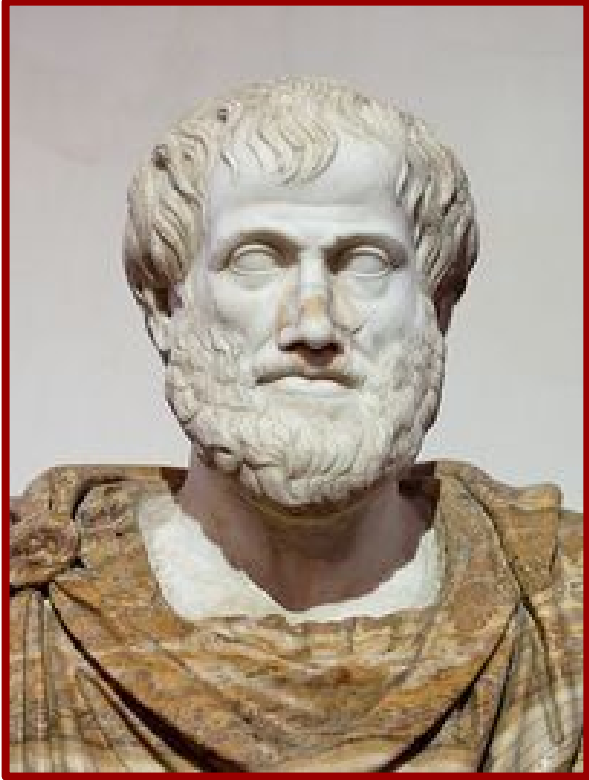
Author of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *The Three Musketeers*, and *The Man in the Iron Mask*



“Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else.”

— Theodore Roosevelt

President of the United States 1901 - 1909



“It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen.”

— Aristotle,

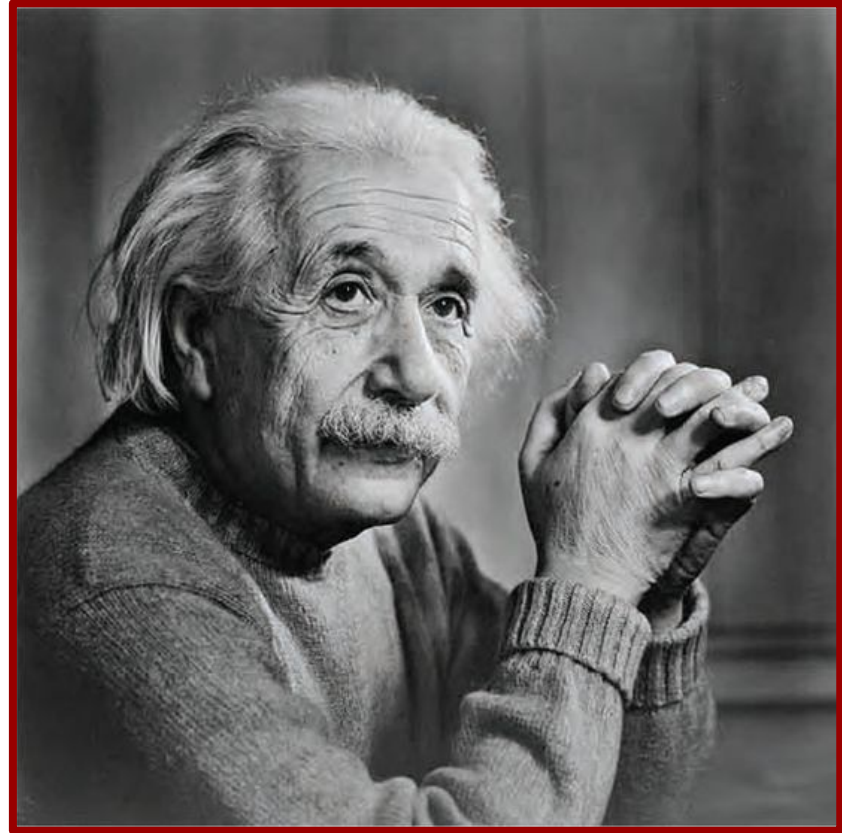
Famous Greek (Athenian)  
Philosopher,  
Student of Sophocles

Remember that the Athenians were the first to experiment with democracy.

“He who joyfully marches to music rank and file has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would surely suffice. This disgrace to civilization should be done away with at once. Heroism at command, senseless brutality, deplorable love-of-country stance and all the loathsome nonsense that goes by the name of patriotism, how violently I hate all this . . . .”

— Albert Einstein

Theoretical Physicist who  
developed theory of relativity



## Four Corners Discussion

- **Read all four** quotes.
- **Decide which quote** means the most to you and **why** you think so.
- **Join the group** of people who have also chosen this quote in the indicated corner of the room.
- **Discuss the quote** in the group and be able to talk about **what it means** and **why you think it is stronger than the other quotes**. So, yes, directly compare it to the other quotes.
- **Be ready to share out** your group's thinking with the whole class.
- **As we share out, be a good listener**.
- When we are done we will see if anyone would now **change** quotes.

Group 1 Dumas - Meet by the windows

Group 2 T. Roosevelt - Meet by the back cupboard

Group 3 Aristotle - Meet by the podium

Group 4 Einstein - Meet by the door

## Qualities of an Effective Discussion

Your ideas are *clear* and *accurate*, referring to materials given.

Your ideas are *well developed by explanation*.

You *listen well*, so that your *ideas bounce off the ideas of others*, not ignoring their ideas or repeating them.

You state your ideas in a way that *leaves the door open to the ideas of others*, not in a way that shuts down their ideas.

Your *participation is balanced* in that you do not insert your ideas too often or fail to insert your own ideas.