5-2 Notes

* The word philosophy comes from the Greek word for “love of wisdom”.
* Greek philosophers believed the human mind could understand everything.
* Pythagoras taught that the universe followed the same rules as music and numbers
* Sophists were professional teachers in ancient Greece. They rejected the idea of absolute right or wrong.
* Socrates disagreed, he believed that absolute right and wrong did exist and taught his students to use reason and see things for themselves. This method of teaching caused him to be sentenced to death for his teachings.
* Plato, a student of Socrates, thought that governments should be headed by philosopher-kings
* Aristotle taught his students to follow the “golden mean” – a person should do nothing in excess.
* Herodotus – considered to be the “father of history” who wrote the *History of the Persian Wars*
* Thucydides – considered to be the greatest historian of the ancient world because he used personal and accurate facts.