

## VIRGIL

Publius Vergilius Maro, known as Virgil, was a Latin Poet (70 – 19BC)

He was born in the village of Andes (current Virzilio (Virgilio)), near the town of Mantua in northern Italy, by parents of a humble origin, peasants, who, however, made sure for their son to get the best possible education.

By the age of sixteen Virgil finishes his training in Cremona and in Milan, where he went for broader studies. At that time he showed a special interest in Greek and Latin literature.

At age 18 went to Rome, where originally intended to study rhetoric, medicine and astronomy. Soon his interest in philosophy prevailed and focuses on it. That's the reason why he goes to Naples, where he becomes a student of the Epicurean philosopher Seneca. At the same time learns Greek and begins to write his first poems. Gradually devotes himself to poetry.

Virgil died in the year 19 BC while visiting Greece. During his visit to Megara fell ill with malaria and died on his way back to Naples.

