

# Download Aristotle's Earlier Logic

1. Preliminaries. Aristotle wrote two ethical treatises: the *Nicomachean Ethics* and the *Eudemian Ethics*. He does not himself use either of these titles, although in the *Politics* (1295a36) he refers back to one of them—probably the *Eudemian Ethics*—as “*ta êthika*”—his writings about character. History of logic: History of logic, the history of the discipline from its origins among the ancient Greeks to the present time. There was a medieval tradition according to which the Greek philosopher Parmenides (5th century bce) invented logic while living on a rock in Egypt. The story is pure legend, but it does. The *Organon* (Greek: ???????, meaning “instrument, tool, organ”) is the standard collection of Aristotle's six works on logic. The name *Organon* was given by Aristotle's followers, the Peripatetics. The Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) made significant and lasting contributions to nearly every aspect of human knowledge, from logic to biology to