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A major dramatist of the twentieth century, Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956) was the founder of one of the most influential theatre companies, the Berliner Ensemble, and the creator of some of the landmark plays of the twentieth century: *The Threepenny Opera*, *Life of Galileo*, *Mother Courage* and *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*.

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