

The Warring States of China c. 260 BCE



Confucius– the man

Our greatest glory is not in ever falling, but in getting up every time we do.

I hear and I forget.
I see and I remember.
I do and I understand.



“Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.”

“Do not impose on others what you do not wish for yourself.”

Confucianism– the philosophy

Ren: your appropriate internal attitude (for example: compassion, respect, sympathy, etc.)

Li: your correct external actions (for example: behavior, politeness, manners, etc.)



Not only must you do the right thing, you must want to do the right thing.

1. How did Confucianism start?

Confucius lived during the Warring States Period in ancient China, when many different families were fighting for power. It was at this time that philosophers were thinking of ways to bring order to their dangerous society. Confucius looked for solutions to these problems. His students collected his statements into a book called *The Analects*. Although he was not famous when he lived, he became the most influential thinker in Chinese history. His philosophy came to be known as **Confucianism**.

2. When did Confucianism start?

Around 500 B.C.

3. Does Confucianism believe in God?

No, it's more of a philosophy than a religion

4. Does Confucianism believe in the afterlife?

No. Confucius thought that you should do the right thing without wanting the reward of heaven.



5. What are Confucianism's main beliefs?

Filial Piety	<u>Deep respect for one's elders</u>
Five Relationships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. Ruler to subjects</u><u>2. Father to son</u><u>3. Older brother to younger brother</u><u>4. Husband to wife</u><u>5. Friend to Friend</u>

Takes care of
the inferior
person



Listens to
and obeys
the superior
person

