



CONFUCIUS SAYS

Answer the following questions about Confucius.

1. In 551 B.C. Confucius was born. His real name was _____

2. Confucius was born into a family of minor _____ and grew to be a
respectful son.
3. He lived during a time of constant _____ in China, uncertain
whether the fighting would reach his _____ family.
4. Instead of joining the military as a soldier, he studied for a
_____ job.
5. He later finished his education and became a _____.
6. Confucius taught his pupils a set of _____ for proper living rather than
preaching a religion.
7. Although Confucianism was not a religion, he taught purity, sincerity, self-respect,
_____ for others, and how to follow proper rituals to reach
these goals.
8. Respect for superiors and respect for _____ by their children
was a large part of his teachings which dealt with proper relationships among people for
keeping order in society.
9. In each relationship the superior person's duty was to look after the inferior person,
whose job it was to follow and _____.
10. He advised _____ to rule by setting a good example rather
than setting harsh laws and punishments.
11. He did not support the system of dynasties for running the
_____.
12. Instead, he argued that the government should be run by the most
_____ people with high moral character and
education.
13. During his lifetime, Confucius drew little _____ for
his accomplishments.
14. Still, during the 400 years of the Han Dynasty, Confucianism became the official doctrine
of _____ of China.