

Study Guide Chapter Two: History of Ancient China

Section 4: Confucianism and Government



Read the "If YOU lived there" section. Answer the question below:

1. What two things did Confucianism focus on?
2. What do the following terms mean?
 - *Ren*: _____
 - *Li*: _____
3. After you read the section "Confucian Ideas" answer the following question:
 - Think of our society and government and how we are supposed to act. How does this compare to Confucianism? Explain your thoughts.
4. Summarize how Confucianism and Buddhism influenced China and what made people change from one to the other.
5. What does "neo" mean?
6. How did Confucianism change?
7. How does someone join the bureaucracy?
8. What were three benefits in becoming a scholar-official?
9. Read the five bulleted items from the picture at the top of the page. Would you want to take this test? Why or why not?

Confucius said: "...The humane man, desiring to be established himself, seeks to establish others; desiring himself to succeed, he helps others to succeed. To judge others by what one knows of oneself is the method of achieving humanity..."

*Confucius said: "In rites at large, it is always better to be too simple rather than too lavish. In funeral rites, it is more important to have the real sentiment of sorrow than minute attention to observances."
Confucius said: "Perhaps the word 'reciprocity': Do not do to others what you would not want others to do to you."*

Confucius said: "If a ruler himself is upright, all will go well without orders. But if he himself is not upright, even though he gives orders they will not be obeyed."

