

Guided Reading Activity



The First Chinese Empires

Lesson 1 *Schools of Thought in Ancient China*

Review Questions

Directions: Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. Confucianism

A. How did Confucianism develop?

B. What are the two main elements of the Confucian view of the Dao, or "Way"?

C. How was the Confucian concept of duty often expressed?

D. What advice did Confucius offer to humanity?

E. How did Confucius conceive of education?

II. Daoism

A. How did Daoism develop?

B. How is Daoism like Confucianism?

C. How does Daoism diverge from Confucianism?

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III. Legalism

A. What did the Legalists believe about human nature?

B. What did the Legalists assert was the most effective way to motivate common people?

C. How did the Legalists believe rulers should behave toward their subjects?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the prompt below.

Compare and contrast the philosophies of Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism.
