

Section 2

Confucius and His Teachings

The Life of Confucius

- The Early Years
 - Kong Fu Zi (“_____”)-Confucius-
Chinese teacher and philosopher
 - Born 551 bc- noble and poor in North China Plain
 - _____, wanted to be in government,
instead became a teacher
- A Pioneer Teacher
 - First _____ -
charged students
 - Wanted to find a _____ that would
follow his teachings
 - 479 bc- died age 73- thought his life was a

The Teachings of Confucius

- Confucianism
 - Never _____ his own teachings- gathered later by students
 - Philosophy- _____
Confucianism
- Bringing Order to Society
 - China was in frequent warfare- rulers battled for control- more concerned with power than _____
 - Confucius wanted to change that
 - If people treated each other with _____, society would prosper

The Teachings of Confucius

- Respecting Others

- Know your place in society and family- respect others higher and lower than you

- 5 human relationships

- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
 - 5. _____

- People in authority should set good examples

- _____

The Teachings of Confucius

- Religious Traditions
 - For some people, Confucianism is a _____
 - Moral community
 - Ancient Chinese religions- worship of ancestors, honoring gods, belief in spirits, harmony with nature
 - _____ (DOW-ism)- based on teachings of Laozi (LOW dzuh) in 500s bc- simplicity and harmony with _____
 - Competed with Confucianism for most popular Chinese philosophy

The Influence of Confucius

- A _____
 - Civil service-
_____ began based on Confucian teachings
 - Before Confucius, gov't positions given to sons of powerful people
 - Later, based on merit
(_____)
 - Had to pass exams based on Confucius
- Rising to High Positions
 - To be in gov't: had to know how to _____, made it hard for a poor man to be in gov't, but still possible