

World History 1
Ancient China
Worksheet: Confucius Debate

In groups, please discuss the following questions about Confucianism.

Do you believe in the concept of *Ren* (or *Jen*)? In other words, do you think that all people are inherently good or bad? Depending on your answer, what form of government do you think would be best for the people?

Are the five relationships a good way to rule society? Who is left out of these "5?" Can you think of an alternative set of relationships that would be more inclusive? List below.

What is the difference between a philosophy and a religion? What questions do religions ask? Does Confucianism answer these questions?

What is fair about the civil service exam? What is unfair?

MODERN DAY CONNECTION AND DEBATE:

What are high stakes tests?

How many high stakes tests have you taken in your life?

Prepare a statement for a debate based on the following question:

Is the SAT a fair assessment for college admissions?

Be sure to give proper evidence in support of your argument.