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Confucianism & Taoism

World History Unit 3
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Check or circle the box you find yourself agreeing with most. Be honest!

I tend to separate objects and people from their environment and categorize or analyze them based on logical rules	I tend to consider objects and people in relation to their environments and analyze them by focusing on contradictions, change and/or relationships
I value success and achievement because it reflects my personal merit (worth or ability)	I value success and achievement because it reflects well on my family or community
I prefer to focus on my individuality and want to make myself look good or stand out	I prefer to fit in and will engage in self-criticism to ensure I fit in
Equality, fairness, and individuality are more important than social harmony	Social harmony and collective action are more important than fairness or equality
Developments are linear/progressive. Contradictions must be solved using logic or testing them against hypotheses.	Change is constant and everything is interdependent. Thus, contradictions can be embraced and resolved through discussion.
A person's characteristics (lazy, hardworking, stubborn, etc) will predict how they will behave	A person's current situation or environment (where they are, what they are doing, stage in life, etc) will predict how they will behave
People are largely successful because of their innate abilities (intelligence, athleticism, etc)	People are largely successful because they work hard

Predict: How do you think the different ways of thinking in the East (China/Asia) and the West (Europe) will impact the philosophies in these regions?

Make Connections: What is the historical context that helps explain the emergence of the Hundred Schools of Thought like Confucianism and Taoism?

Confucius

1. What was Confucius' goal or vision that he hoped to achieve with his philosophy? Why do his ideas make sense considering the political and social context of the time?
2. How did Confucius's Analects impact China?

Excerpts from the *Analects*

Summarize Confucius' ideas on how each of the following would contribute to order and stability

<u>Jen (Virtue)</u>	<u>The Superior Man</u>
<u>Learning & Education</u>	<u>Government</u>

How does Confucianism compare to Hinduism and Buddhism in seeking to answer the question "how should society be organized?"

Taoism: Excerpts from Tao Te Ching

1. Based on the excerpt, what seems to be the main idea behind Taoism and following "the Tao?" How might these ideas be a response to the turmoil of the Warring States Period?
2. How is Taoism different from Confucianism, especially when it comes to governance and leadership (how should society be organized)?

Reflection: Explain whether each statement applies to Confucianism or Taoism

"Rulers must avoid harmful interference and will accomplish more through inaction, allowing things to run their course."	"Rulers don't need strict laws, they simply need to exhibit moral leadership and virtuous conduct."
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