

## **CLASSICAL CHINA: THREE SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT**

Directions: You will be assigned one of the following philosophies, and will have to respond to prompts and questions as if you were the original philosopher (for example, if you're in the Confucianism group, you will respond to questions as Confucius would respond to questions.) Your homework is to study your respective philosophy using the internet and the resources I've given you. In order for you to argue well against the two other philosophers, you must know what they believe. Your task in class today is to read through the short overviews and take notes below.

### **Confucianism**

1. Process: Summarize the main ideas of Confucianism in one to two sentences.
2. Bullet point key concepts, ideas, and theories of Confucianism.
3. What role does shame, as Confucius terms it, play in motivating behavior?
4. How does the concept of filial piety relate to running a Confucian-based government?

### **Legalism**

1. Process: Summarize the main ideas of Legalism in one to two sentences.
2. Bullet point key concepts, ideas, and theories of Legalism.

3. What effects do you think Legalism might have on government and social structures?
4. What role did Legalism play in the development of a government? How does Legalism compare to other systems of laws, rules, and punishments that you've learned about in world history?

### **Daoism**

1. Process: Summarize the main ideas of Daoism in one to two sentences.
2. Bullet point key concepts, ideas, and theories of Daoism.
3. Consider how this statue differs from Lord Shang's statue on the Legalism page. How does this statue of Laozi embody some Daoist principles?
4. What does *wu wei* suggest to you? How do you think Daoism affected Chinese society and government *differently* from Confucianism and Legalism?