

The Teachings of Confucius CLOSE Read: How Influential was Confucius?

Document A: The Teachings of Confucius Background Information

1. When was this source written?

B. Who wrote it?

2. Is this a primary source or a secondary source? How do you know? **Circle one.**

3. What are the claims this article makes? List 2: **Highlight in yellow.**

- Confucius laid down a pattern of thinking followed by more people than any other human being.
- Confucius believed that human order reflected divine order.

4. What evidence or supporting details does the author use to support those claims? **Highlight in pink.**

- No matter what religion, no matter what form of government, the Chinese and their way of thinking can in some way be shown to have Confucian elements.
- to Confucius, the ancients understood the order and hierarchy of heaven and earth.

5. Do you think this source is reliable? Why or why not? BE SPECIFIC! Your answer CANNOT be because it is a primary or secondary source.

I think this is a reliable source because

Document B: Confucian Analects

1. Who contributed to Confucius's *Analects*?

B. When was Confucius alive?

C. When were his *Analects* edited?

D. Is this a primary source or a secondary source? How do you know? **Circle one.**

2. Based on these quotes, how would you **characterize** Confucius? Use one quote to support your response.

Describe Confucius:

3. Do the *Analects* support the claims made in Document A? Use evidence (quotes) to support your answer.

The Analects do support Doc. A. I know this because

Final Question: Do you think Confucius was an influential person in history? Give 2 reasons using evidence from the sources to explain your answer.

Confucius was an influential person because

Choose your favorite *Analect* and copy it here:

MANSA MUSA CLOSE READ Guiding Questions

Document A: Blog Post

1. Who created this blog post?

b. When was it created?

c. Is this a primary source or a secondary source?

It is a secondary source because it was not created when Mansa M. was alive

2. What is the main point of the blog post? Write down 2 claims (statements) it makes:

1. Mansa Musa was the richest person ever.

2. Musa's wealth came from Mali's natural resources

3. Write down 2 quotes that support the article's claims:

• "he was worth a staggering \$400 billion"

• "the trip... almost put Africa's sun to shame"

4. Do you think this blog post is trustworthy? Why or why not?

I think / I do not think this article is trustworthy because

Document B: Catalan Atlas

1. Who created this document? Abraham Cresques

b. When was it created (what year)?

c. Is this a primary source or a secondary source?

It is a primary source because it was made while Mansa was alive

2. How does the Atlas's description of Mansa Musa compare to The Huffington Post blog's description? They both say he is very rich — the "richest and most noble kind in all the land."

3. Do you think this is a trustworthy description of Mansa Musa? Why or why not?

I think / I do not think this is a trustworthy description because...