

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?

3. What are the claims this article makes? List 2:

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

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 / I don't 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?

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

characterize: describe him, what he is like, qualities he has.

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

The Analects do / do not support Doc. A 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.

I think / I don't think Confucius was an influential person because...

Choose your favorite *Analect* and copy it here: