

Confucius: Words of Wisdom

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Please pay close attention to the movie you are about see. You will be expected to complete this movie guide as you watch. I suggest that you look over the questions in this packet before the movie begins; it will help guide you through the film.

- C 1. Life in China was difficult. The people suffered greatly. Confucius made it clear that the rules of the game were not acceptable. He didn't simply submit himself to political order; he wanted to:
- A. control it. ~~B. destroy it.~~
C. transform it. D. ignore it.
- A 2. In the 6th century BCE the government went through great change – the feudal system began to disintegrate. Because the government was weak, there was:
- A. constant warfare and chaos. B. a flourishing of literature, especially poetry.
C. a change in religion. D. democracy at all levels.
- A 3. Confucius was a son of a fearsome warrior.
- A. True B. False
- C 4. Kong Fu-zi (who came to be known as Confucius) means:
- A. "Old Baby Kong" B. "Very Large Gorilla"
C. "Master Kong" D. "Pillar of Wisdom"
- B 5. Confucius was born into a wealthy family and he never had work.
- A. True B. False
- D 6. After his mother's death, Confucius proclaimed: "Noble deeds not noble birth bestow honor on a man, but a family's love is a greater gift than:
- A. guppies." B. glass."
C. grain." D. gold."
- A 7. According to tradition Confucius stood _____ feet tall.
- A. nine B. sixteen
C. twelve D. twenty
- D 8. Officially the duchy of Lu was ruled by its hereditary duke, but in reality it was controlled by:
- A. Empress Wu B. a republican council.
C. scholar-officials. D. a trio of warlords clans.
- B 9. Confucius had a job as an overseer of:
- A. fish stocks. B. granaries.
C. a bank. D. the Gobi Desert.
- D 10. For Confucius education was:
- A. a waste of time. B. the thing to do if you had extra time.
C. a means to make money. D. the meaning of life.
- A 11. Confucius urged his students to become:
- A. "superior men." B. "hermits living alone in the forest."
C. "active in political affairs." D. "librarians."
- B 12. Confucius, as governor of the town of Lu, demanded that:

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- A. everyone, including women, be allowed to vote.
- B. poor young children and the elderly be fed at state expense.
- C. he be provided with 12 bags of rice and one gold coin.
- D. special tea be imported from India.

A 13. In 497 BCE Confucius was forced into exile.

- A. True.
- B. False.

A 14. Who had the power to end the people's suffering?

- A. The nobility
- B. The emperor
- C. The merchants
- D. The peasants

A 15. According to Confucius, chief ministers would implement Confucian philosophy within their own lives and they, in turn, would serve as models for the common people. It was an "influenza" theory of virtue. You could "catch" virtue.

- A. True.
- B. False.

B 16. Confucius met another philosopher, Laozi, founder of:

- A. Legalism.
- B. Daoism.
- C. Communism.
- D. Buddhism.

D 17. Most of China's ruling elite did not threaten Confucius; they did something far more devastating. They:

- A. hid his books.
- B. tried to poison him.
- C. burned his home.
- D. ignored him.

B 18. Confucius returned to Chufu after _____ years of wandering.

- A. 20
- B. 13
- C. 5
- D. 17

A 19. After years of living his life as a sage, what event caused Confucius to break down and cry?

- A. The death of his disciple, Yen Hui.
- B. The death of his wife.
- C. The death of his son.
- D. The death of his daughter.

A 20. Confucius' last words were a bitter plea.

- A. "Will no ruler come forward and take me as his master?"
- B. "Listen to your elders, respect your ruler and be kind to your brothers."
- C. "Can't we all just get along?"
- D. "Help the poor."

A 21. Confucius' died feeling that he was a failure.

- A. True.
- B. False.

B 22. After Confucius' death his teachings were forgotten and today they have no impact on China nor the rest of Asia.

- A. True.
- B. False.

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