

FILIAL PIETY GROUP PROJECT

Directions: Read the background information and the scenario that applies to your group. Decide what you will do and create a poster depicting that choice. Under the picture describe in TWO sentences what your choice was AND why you chose that option. Remember to relate your choice to one of the three Chinese belief systems (Confucianism, Daoism, or Legalism)!

Background Information:

You are one of three brothers. Your parents are living in a remote village far from the city. All three sons have left home in order to fulfill their own pursuits. Your mother has become sick and the outcome does not look good. Your father has sent for you and all of your brothers to return home at once.

GROUP #1: PO

You have been in the city studying for the Civil Service Exam. You are set to take the exam in three days. If you return home to see your mother you will miss the exam and will not be able to take it again for one year. All of your hard work will have been for nothing. You must decide what to do. Do you go home at once and see your mother, giving up the opportunity to take the exam, or do you bring honor upon your family by taking the Civil Service Exam? Surely your parents and ancestors would understand, right?

GROUP #2: LIU

You are a farmer in a village not too far from your parents. Your prized water buffalo will have to make the journey with you if you go because there will be nobody to take care of it and it will die if left alone. Without your water buffalo you will have no way to till your farm and will likely lose everything. In order to get to your parents village you need to cross a river. You do not have enough money to pay for the trip for you and your water buffalo. You need to make a choice, do you leave your water buffalo to die and make the trip alone to visit your mother or do you stay on your farm and ensure that your buffalo survives?

GROUP #3: PING

You are a farmer and have a family of your own. You have a wife and a son, however, your son is also sick. You are worried that if you leave your son alone with your wife he will not be able to survive because your wife cannot watch him at every moment. You know that your son will likely get over his sickness if you stay home and work the fields and your wife stays to take care of him. He means the world to you and you want to ensure that your bloodline continues. You need to make a choice. Do you make the journey to see your sick mother or do you stay home with your sick child?



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	Exemplary (5)	Commendable (3)	Acceptable (1)	Teacher Notes
Poster includes a picture that shows their scenario visually.	The picture shows effort and creativity and can easily be understood by the class.	The picture shows some effort and creativity and can somewhat be understood by the class but not clearly	The picture shows very little effort and creativity and cannot easily be understood by the class.	
The poster includes 2 sentences about their choice and why the group chose that option.	Includes all required information.	Some required information is missing.	Several essential pieces of information were missing.	
The group related their choice to one of the Chinese belief systems (Confucianism, Daoism, Legalism).	Includes all required information.	Some required information is missing.	Several essential pieces of information were missing.	
Group Presentation.	All group members participate, speak clearly, and clearly understand their topic.	All group members participate but might not speak clearly, or misunderstand their topic.	Not all group members participate and do not speak clearly. Important parts are misunderstood.	
Total Points/Grade				