



Module 6 lesson 2 questions

Confucius

1. What is the mandate of heaven? How is it explained in the following excerpt?

'Oh! Of old the former kings of Hsia (Xia) cultivated earnestly their virtue, and then there were no calamities from Heaven. The spirits of the hills and rivers likewise were all in tranquility; and the birds and beasts, the fishes and tortoises, all enjoyed their existence according to their nature.'

2. a. who was Confucius?
b. Why did many of the teachings of Confucius focus on the family?
3. a. Who was the most famous Daoist teacher?
b. what were some of the main ideas of Daoism?
c. What might be some disadvantages of Legalism?
d. Who was Han Fei Zi, and what did he believe?
e. Why did Daoism spread during ancient times?
4. Draw a two-column chart to list two main ideas from each: Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism. Then, in a small paragraph, explain how each set of beliefs are different.



Laozi



Han Fei Zi