

Guided Reading



Early China

Lesson 2 *Society and Culture in Ancient China*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do new ideas change the way people live?

Chinese Philosophies

Completing a Chart Fill in the chart with information about each of the major philosophies that developed in ancient China.

	Confucianism	Daoism	Legalism
Founded by:			
Goal			
Important Ideas			

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Chinese Life

1. Compare and Contrast Fill in the chart with information about each of the social classes in ancient China.

Social Class	Important Points
Aristocrats	
Farmers	
Merchants and Artisans	

2. Speculating China had a small population of wealthy aristocrats and merchants. Most people were struggling farmers. What kinds of problems might a society like this face?

3. Defending Write three sentences from the point of view of an early Chinese aristocrat defending the structure of Chinese society.
