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Confucius in Confusing Times

Confucius (kuhn-FYOO-shuhs) was a man who lived long ago in China. He grew up during a time of war and **chaos** (KAY-aws). In spite of this, the Chinese made great advances during that time.

Great thinkers called philosophers (fuh-LAWS-uh-fuhrz) wondered about their laws. They questioned, “Is this really right?” They made others question, too. Because of this, the Chinese gained new ideas about how to live.

▼ Followers of Confucius today



Confucius was one of these thinkers. He changed and shaped Chinese culture. His teachings have influenced (IN-floo-uhntzd) people for a long time. In fact, there are some who still follow his ideas today.



Did You Know?

Today, you can read Confucius's sayings inside fortune cookies. Fortune cookies were invented in the United States. They were first seen in the 1800s.

What Did Confucius Look Like?

Confucius was a very large man. He had a beard, large teeth that hung over his lips, and warts on his nose. Even though he was funny looking, stories tell us that he was very charming.

◀ Statues of Confucius are seen all over the world.