**Chinese Traditional Figures**

**Confucius**

**ⅠWatch the video and fill the blanks**

Born in 551 BC in Shandong Province, China, Confucius was a 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(distinguish) thinker, politician and educator who established Confucianism, a 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(philosophy) tradition that has played a pivotal role in shaping Chinese culture and society.

Throughout his life, Confucius was deeply committed to the cause of education. He gathered a group of 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(dedicate) disciples and immersed himself in teaching during his middle years. In his later years, Confucius dedicated 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(he) to the 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(scholar) endeavor of compiling ancient texts, including the book of songs, the book of documents and the spring and Autumn Annals. 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(follow) his death, Confucius's disciples meticulously compiled his teachings, along with their own insights into the analects, a text 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is fundamental to Confucianism.

Confucius's teachings, particularly his 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(emphasize) on benevolence, propriety and the Paramount importance of education 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(leave) an enduring legacy on Chinese culture. These teachings continue to shape the 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(value) and principles of people in China and around the world to this day.

**ⅡCheck the answers and study the words**

**Word bank**

* distinguish/ dɪˈstɪŋɡwɪʃt / v.卓越的，杰出的
* Confucianism/ kənˈfjuːʃənɪzəm / n.儒家思想
* philosophical / ˌfɪləˈsɒfɪk(ə)l /adj.哲学的；达观的
* pivotal/ ˈpɪvət(ə)l /adj.中枢的，关键的
* dedicated / ˈdedɪkeɪtɪd /adj.专心致志的，
* disciple / dɪˈsaɪp(ə)l / n.追随者，门徒
* scholarly / ˈskɒləli / adj.学术的；博学的
* endeavor / ɪnˈdevə(r) / n.努力；尽力
* compile / kəmˈpaɪl /vt.汇编，编纂
* benevolence / bəˈnevələns / n. 慈善，仁慈
* propriety / prəˈpraɪəti / n.）正当，得体
* emphasis / ˈemfəsɪs / n. 重要性，重点强调；
* paramount / ˈpærəmaʊnt / adj. 至为重要的；
* play a pivotal role in 在…方面发挥关键作用
* Be deeply committed to the cause of education 深耕教育事业
* immerse oneself in doing sth.，让…沉浸在…
* dedicate oneself to 奉献自己
* be fundamental to sth.是…的基础
* lay emphasis on 强调
* leave an enduring legacy on留下不朽的遗产
* shape the values and principles of people in China塑造中国人的价值观和处事准则

**ⅢRead the whole passage and consolidate the relevant words with another video**

**ⅣHave a try---**translate the sentence

**Learning without thinking is useless, thinking without learning is perilous.**

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