



THREE WAYS OF THINKING



In the troubled late Zhou years, three ways of thinking offered answers to the same question: how can people live in peace and order? Use the reading “Three Ways of Thinking” on the Religion and Achievements page to fill in each box.

	Confucianism	Daoism	Legalism
Key thinker(s)			
When it began			
Main idea			
How a ruler should govern			
What people are like			
Who used it			

1. Imagine villagers keep breaking the emperor’s rules. How would a Confucian ruler and a Legalist ruler each deal with it? Which way do you think works better? Give a reason.
