Quotes by Confucius

**Directions:** Read through the quotes by Confucius listed below. Choose one quote that speaks to you. Follow the directions on the back of the worksheet.

* A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
* A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions.
* An oppressive government is more to be feared than a tiger.
* By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.
* Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.
* Be not ashamed of mistakes and thus make them crimes.
* Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.
* Forget injuries, never forget kindesses.
* He who will not economize will have to agonize.
* I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.
* Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon and star.
* It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.
* Men's natures are alike, it is their habits that carry them far apart.
* Respect yourself and others will respect you.
* Study the past if you would define the future.
* To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage.
* What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others.
* When anger rises, think of the consequences.
* When we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves.
* Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.
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Directions:

1. Re-write the quote:

2. Paraphrase the quote (put it in your own words).

3. Do you agree or disagree with Confucius on this topic? Give a specific example to support your response.

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