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Preface

The difficulty of choosing nearly 50 famous citizens of the world is somewhat formidable. The assistance of *Time Magazine*'s June 14, 1999 choices of the most significant people in the twentieth century provided a strong start. Philip Adler's book called *World Civilizations* is a current university textbook in World History, published in the United States in 1999 by Wadsworth/Thompson Learning. This was an invaluable resource. However, both sources made some unusual choices for famous citizens because fame resides not only in political and military circles. It is present in all aspects of life, including theater and art, social reform and education, and religion. Fame even came from another kind of source, such as choosing abstinence from harmful drugs.

The criteria then became very personal. My desire was to choose those famous people whose lives provided an inspirational story as well as being world-renowned. At least I could rely on two famous resources to give most of the information needed.

For Chinese stories, there were books on the Analects of Confucius, the life of Mencius, histories of 20th century China, and especially the life of Sun Zhongshan by the French writer. Marie-Claire Bergere, translated into English by Janet Lloyd for Stanford University Press in 1998.

Famous Americans were mostly left out as they are included in the book. Famous Americans. published in 2000 in this library series. Famous world scientists and business entrepreneurs also were not included since they will appear in the next two books in this series. entitled International Scientists and International and Chinese Businesses.

Respectfully Dr. Dennis Hagen

序言

"世界名人小故事"(World Famous People)是"中学生英语文库"(English Library for High School Students)的第八本出版物。本书有 46 篇短文(每篇 400—500 词),介绍了 68 位人物,这些名人来自古今中外社会生活的各个领域,包括政治、军事、宗教、哲学、法律、文学、艺术、体育及慈善事业等。书中的每一个人物都是一面镜子,反映了人类历史长河中某一阶段的一个侧面。这些人物的信仰不同但都为世界留下了宝贵的精神财富。通过听和读这些短文无疑将帮助读者拓宽视野、增长知识、加深对世界历史及其多元文化的理解。我们期望本书能赢得广大同学的喜爱。

我们在编写本书时力求用常用的英语词汇,并尽可能使用《普通高中英语课程标准(实验)》要求掌握的3,500个词汇。为便于读者学习,凡超出此词表范围的生词或词组均在文后的 Words & Phrases 栏目中用中文予以注释并加注音标,最后还汇总成总词汇表附于书后,供读者学习、记忆。每篇短文之后我们还编写了三个理解测试题,帮助你检查自己对短文的理解程度。

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国录制,由上海外语音像出版社出版。 本书编写中不足之处,敬请读者提出宝贵意见。

陈辉岳 2003 年 6 月于上海

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1. Confucius and Mencius

The basic views of Confucius are still a part of Chinese culture today. His life span was 551 B. C. to 479 B. C. He was born in Shandong Province in the city of Qufu. At that time, Qufu was part of the state of Lu. His hope was to acquire a



post in government service where he could help influence society in a positive way. He briefly had a job in the ministry of justice but the intrigues of the Lu government forced him to seek work in neighboring states.

He found his ideas were not accepted in politics so he became a teacher. He lived off the tuition of his wealthier students. After continued attempts to influence political leaders, he finally realized he could be

more acceptable as a teacher than as a political advisor. Due to his gift of teaching, he became famous because many of his students began to start their own schools by teaching the principles of their teacher.

His most influential concept involved the five relationships that are in the family. Confucianism teaches the importance of strong ties to each family member.

The impressive theme in all the relationships is that the former cares deeply for the latter and the latter always respects the former. This naturally leads to compliance or working together in all matters. It diffuses aggression and competition, which lead to anger.

Though he didn't write a book, his students took notes on his teaching. These notes appear today as the *Analects of Confucius*. They are studied in many countries due to his insight and wisdom.

Mencius (371 - 289 B. C.) was a disciple of Confucian thought. He continued the same theories and through his own teaching also became famous. He used the terms benevolence and righteousness as the keys to a good society.

The Analects of Confucius, Mencius, The Great Learning, and the Doctrine of the Mean (Four Books) were the major Confucian classics used for civil service examinations. These exams began in the Han Dynasty and continued through the Qing Dynasty. Their influence was central to Chinese cultural thought.

Questions

 Confucianism is a Chinese A. religion B. philosophy C. theory D. code of conduct 2. The Five Relationships teach A. competition B. cooperation C. concern D. character 3. Confucius and Mencius have been studied for 2,000 years because of the need of _____. A. benevolence B. righteousness C. examinations D. good relationships

Words & Phrases

Confucius [kənˈfjuːʃəs] n. 孔子 Confucianism [kənˈfjuːʃjəniz(ə) m] n. 孔子学说,儒家学说:儒教

Mencius ['mensias] n. 孟子 span [spæn] n. 一段时间;全长;跨度 intrigue [intri:g] n. 阴谋,诡计 live off 靠…生活,靠…供养 compliance [kəm'plaiəns] n. 依从;屈从 diffuse [difjuz] vt. 使(热、气体等)散开 insight ['insart] n. 洞察(力);洞悉;见识 disciple [di'saipl] n. 门徒,信徒,追随者 benevolence [bi'nevələns] n. 仁慈,善行 righteous ['raitsəs] a. 正直的,正当的;正义的

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