

## Vocabulary Help for Biography of Confucius Article

**Philosophy** - Love and pursuit of wisdom by intellectual means and moral self-discipline.

**Latinized** - change a name or word into the format of a Latin language (English, Spanish, etc.)

**Manuscript** - A book, document, or other composition written by hand.

**Descendent** - A person, animal, or plant whose descent can be traced to a particular individual or group.

**Disfigured** - Marred or spoiled in appearance or shape of; deformed.

**Acquire** - To get by one's own efforts.

**Granary** - A building for storing threshed grain. Grain was money during this time period.

**Lao-Tzu** - Founder of the Taoist philosophy.

**Arrogance** - overbearing pride, cockiness.

**Embark** - start of a journey.

**Solidification** - process of making something strong or united.

**Political affairs** - having to do with politics. The events or workings of governments.

**Disciple** - One who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another.

**Compiled** - To gather into a single book.

**Rendered** - interpreted.

**Emphasis** - stressing a point.

**Fundamental** - Forming or serving as an essential component (foundation) of a system or structure.

**Benevolence** - An inclination to perform kind, charitable acts. Being kind.

**Humanist** - One who is concerned with the interests and welfare of humans.

**Ideology** - The body of ideas reflecting the social needs and aspirations of an individual, group, class, or culture.