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As a nation, Japan has drawn heavily from Confucian culture which originated in China. A region of the country has added a major Confucius classic, The Analects, to the local school curriculum.

Starting this term, The Analects of Confucius have become part of the regular reading of primary and middle school students in Tochigi Prefecture's Ashikaga City.

The local education board says it's aimed at building the moral character of youngsters.

The Analects, first compiled more than two thousand years ago, are considered a record of the words and acts of Confucius and his leading disciples.

The topics mainly cover moral education and proper conduct of public life.

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