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Thesis: Confucius was a significant philosopher who had a lasting impact on Chinese society.

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   1. Positions he ran for
   2. Political views
   3. Why he was not successful
6. Confucius’s influence on China today
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Annotated Bibliography

Mack, Maynard, ed. *The Norton Anthology of World Masterpieces*. Expanded. 1. New York:

W.W. Norton & Co. Inc., 1997. Print.

This anthology contains an excerpt of the *Analects* preceded by a biography of Confucius. The biography examines how Confucius was viewed by his peers both during his lifetime, and after his death. It also outlines how Confucianism was viewed in the years after the death of Confucius. Some viewed Confucianism as a study of ancient texts regarding ritual and behavior, whereas others view Confucian philosophy more fluidly, as an ageless guide to politics, social behavior, and family order. This text gives the reader an unbiased biography of Confucius, exploring his political career, or lack thereof, followed by his surge in relevance even twenty-five hundred years after his death. The biography provides the reader with an overview of Confucius and Confucianism that is helpful for guiding further research.

Shi, Tianjian. "Traditional Values in a Modern Chinese Context -Carnegie Endowment for

International Peace." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. Carnegie

Endowment for International Peace, 22 June 2009. Web. 11 Oct. 2012.

In this article, Shi informs the reader of a recent revival of Confucianism in China. He claims that it offers Chinese citizens a sort of reprieve in modern, fast-paced times. However, average citizens are not the only ones championing Confucianism, but the Chinese Communist Party is as well.