**Confucius Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

<https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/confucius/>

1. Who was Confucius?
2. What were the foundational principles of Confucius's philosophy?
3. How did Confucius's teachings impact Chinese society and other parts of the world?
4. What era was Confucius born into, and how did it influence his thinking?
5. What subjects did Confucius study, and how did they influence his philosophy?
6. What is "ren" in Confucian philosophy, and why is it important?
7. What role does "li" play in Confucian thought?
8. Who was Yan Hui, and why is he significant in the context of Confucianism?
9. What are the Four Books and Five Classics, and why are they important in Confucianism?
10. How did Confucianism become the official state ideology during the Han Dynasty?
11. What is the significance of the civil service examination system in the context of Confucianism?
12. What is Neo-Confucianism, and how did it differ from earlier Confucian thought?
13. Who was Zhu Xi, and what was his contribution to Neo-Confucianism?
14. How did Confucian thought conflict with Legalism?
15. What was the relationship between Confucianism and Daoism?
16. What was the principle of "universal love" advocated by the school of Mohism, and how did it challenge Confucian thought?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*How did Confucian philosophy evolve over time?*