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The Teachings of Confucius

Background Information

Confucius was born in northeastern China around 551 BCE. He lived during a difficult time in China, with war and civil disorder. He was concerned about people forgetting the old ways of treating one another with respect. He taught people through sayings that reminded them how to be good. His followers wrote down the sayings for people to read and learn.

Directions: Below are several of the teachings of Confucius. Work with your partner to fill out the chart below. Figure out what the saying means and then describe, in words, how you would illustrate this saying.

Confucian Saying	Meaning	Describe Illustration
I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.		
Our greatest glory is not in ever falling, but in getting up every time we do.		
When anger rises, think of the consequences.		
A man who commits a mistake and does not correct it is committing another mistake.		
Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.		

Challenge

Confucius believed that education was very important. Research what he thought was important for students to learn. Do you think these things have value today? Explain your answer.