

**Writing Assignment/ T. Keel
Comparison/Contrast
Ancient Chinese Literature**

In addition to the Confucian beliefs you have studied in the *Analects*, you have also studied maxims from the ancient Hebrews in the book of *Proverbs*. Review the maxims we studied from *Proverbs* and review your notes on Confucius and the *Analects*. Compare and contrast the maxims of the ancient Hebrews with those of Confucius. What are the similarities and the differences in the two views of good conduct? Do both believe in the Golden Mean? What about tone and style? Are they similar or not? How so? Write your answer in a short essay (400-600 words). Be sure to support your ideas with specific examples from each work.

Assessment Criteria

Content

- ❖ You use the *Analects* as the primary source to be evaluated
- ❖ Your work is factually correct and supported textually
- ❖ Your essay shows genuine thought
- ❖ There is evidence of critical thinking – you have gone beyond what was given to you in class

Form

- ❖ The paper is typed and formatted in MLA style
- ❖ You have made correct use of parenthetical citations
- ❖ You have included a correctly formatted works cited page
- ❖ The paper is double spaced and one-sided
- ❖ The paper is written in a standard size 12 font

Mechanics, Grammar, Etc.

- ❖ The paper is written in present tense
- ❖ The paper does NOT include contractions or abbreviations
- ❖ The paper is written in a formal, academic tone
- ❖ Standard language and grammar rules are followed