Chinese Philosopher Smackdown

You will be assigned to one of three groups of philosophers – Confucianists, Legalists or Daoists. Your task is to research your philosophy and orally defend your philosophy in an epic battle.

*Procedures*

1. Become **EXPERTS** on your philosophy
   1. Reference the PPT on Google Classroom
   2. Reference your text
   3. Research beliefs and practices of your philosophy
2. Prepare and write answers to the following questions, based on your philosophy. Each person needs their own written answers. Be as complete a necessary.
   1. What is the purpose of good government?
   2. What role does morality play in formulating law?
   3. What are the qualities of a superior ruler?
   4. What is the validity of the claim “Might makes right”?
3. Be **familiar** with other philosophies so you can point out flaws
4. Choose three spokespeople for your team who can defend your philosophy both rationally and passionately. Each person will participate in oneround.

* Round one - Philosophical questions (from above)
* Round two - Respond to a quote (provided during “smackdown”)
* Round three - Respond to current global and national issues (provided during

smackdown”)

1. The day of the “smackdown”, each spokesperson will have a chance in the ring to defend their position. The group with the best answers, as decided by a panel including Mrs. Macdonald, will be declared the champions and will receive 15 extra credit points.