

from the Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu
from The Analects by Confucius
Support for Writing

Use the two-column chart to organize your thoughts for a comparison-and-contrast essay on the philosophies of life presented in *Tao Te Ching* and *The Analects*. Use the chart to help you see similarities and differences between the two works.

| Main Ideas | Tao Te Ching | The Analects |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| knowledge | | |
| good/evil | | |
| desire/pleasure | | |
| happiness | | |
| education | | |
| government | | |
| duty/obedience | | |

On a separate page, use your notes to draft an essay comparing and contrasting the *Tao Te Ching* and *The Analects*. Organize your essay point-by-point, and use transition words and phrases to move from discussing one work to the other.