

Confucian role sheet

Grandfather: You believe that you should go. Even though you are getting older, you are healthy. You want to serve your ruler, and believe that you can do a good job. If you die, the family will still have its strongest workers. The father and sons can do more work in the fields. You think it is more important that they stay and harvest crops.

Remember: You are the oldest. Everyone else can give their opinions (and maybe even change your mind), but they should all respect you.

Father: You think that you should go. Grandfather is older and needs to rest and relax and his age. You think your sons can handle the extra work in the fields. You feel that your oldest son is a little too young to go to war.

Remember: You must respect Grandfather. Others should respect you, but they can give their opinions and maybe even change your mind.

Older son: You think you should go to war. You believe that you are old enough to fight, and that you won't be missed as much at home as your father would be. Your father is the best worker in the field, and without him the family might not grow enough food. You think your grandfather is getting older, and should stay home to rest and relax.

Remember: You must respect Grandfather and Father. Others should respect you, but they can give their opinions and maybe even change your mind.

Friend of the older son: You think the Older Son should go. You try to convince him that he should stand his ground. You believe that he is old enough to fight, and that he won't be missed as much at home as the father would be. The father is the best worker in the field, and without him the family might not grow enough food. You think the grandfather is getting older, and should stay home.

Remember: You are not a member of the family. Show respect to all, and speak mostly to Older son.

Younger son: You believe that Older son should go to war. You know that you are too young. You believe that he is old enough to fight, and that he won't be missed as much at home as the father would be. The father is the best worker in the field, and without him the family might not grow enough food. You think the grandfather is getting older, and should stay home.

Remember: You are the youngest. You must respect everyone else a great deal. Watch what you say, and how you say it.

Mother: You think that Father should go off to war. You think that Grandfather is too old, and your sons are too young. You will only give your opinion if you are asked. Otherwise, you know you should keep

fairly quiet.

Remember: You are a woman. You must respect everyone else a great deal. Watch what you say, and how you say it.