

Guided Reading Activity



India's First Empires

Lesson 2 *Buddhism*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: In the sixth century B.C. a new doctrine called Buddhism emerged in northern India and became a rival of Hinduism.

1. **Detail:** Siddhārtha _____ was the son of a princely family in a small kingdom in the foothills of the _____ in what is today part of southern _____.
2. **Detail:** In his late twenties he set out to find a solution to the pain of _____, the sorrow of _____, and the effects of _____ on ordinary people.
3. **Detail:** After a period of _____ did not yield results, he turned to _____ and found _____.
4. **Detail:** Though it may have begun as an attempt to reform _____, _____ became a new religion, dedicated to _____ and seeing the world anew.

B. Main Idea: The principles of Buddhism are grounded in the conviction that the pain and sorrow that afflict human beings can be set aside through wisdom.

1. **Detail:** In Buddhism, _____, or wisdom, is a key step in achieving _____ or union with ultimate reality.
2. **Detail:** The Buddha taught a path of _____ he called the _____, also known as the _____ Path to enlightenment.
3. **Detail:** Siddhārtha accepted the idea of _____ but rejected the Hindu _____ system and Hinduism's multitude of _____.
4. **Detail:** Over time, Siddhārtha agreed to accept _____ into the Buddhist _____ order, and though they held an _____ position, their status was higher in Buddhist societies than elsewhere.

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Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What were the Buddha's Four Noble Truths? What steps composed the Eightfold Path?
