

# 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.

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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.
- Detail:** After a period of \_\_\_\_\_ did not yield results, he turned to \_\_\_\_\_ and found \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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.

- Detail:** In Buddhism, \_\_\_\_\_, or wisdom, is a key step in achieving \_\_\_\_\_ or union with ultimate reality.
- Detail:** The Buddha taught a path of \_\_\_\_\_ he called the \_\_\_\_\_, also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Path to enlightenment.
- Detail:** Siddhārtha accepted the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ but rejected the Hindu \_\_\_\_\_ system and Hinduism's multitude of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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.

# Guided Reading Activity *Cont.*



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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?

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