Aim: How did Buddhism spread?

Trade Routes + Missionaries

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Belief System Thematic Essay - FRI
Unit Test on Classical India -
(Big Pocket + Buddhism) Next Wed 12/6
How did Buddhism spread?

Objective:
- Describe how Buddhism spread throughout Asia.

Introduction:
Directions: Examine the images and map below, then answer the questions that follow.

1. What is similar about the statues pictured? What is different?

2. Based on the map to the left and your knowledge of Buddhism, how do you think Buddhism spread to the places where these statues are located?
The Geographic Context for the Spread of Buddhism

Directions: Examine the map and read the passage below, then answer the questions that follow.

1. Which continent is pictured in this map? Asia

2. Describe the location of the original core of Buddhism relative to two geographic features (note: the Himalayas are a mountain range).

South of Himalayas; N of Bay of Bengal

3. Name two bodies of water and two geographic features on land that Mayana Buddhism spread over from the 5th century AD.

Pacific O; Gobi Desert; Himalayas; Bay of Bengal
### How did Buddhism spread?

**Directions:** Read the text below and use the map on the previous page to answer the questions that follow.

During the time of Ashoka’s reign of the Maurya Empire in India, trade routes were opened through southern India. Some of the merchants using these roads were Buddhists who took their religion with them. Buddhist monks, some of which were sent by Ashoka, also used these roads for missionary activity. Buddhism entered Sri Lanka during this time where the ruler of the island nation was converted to the belief system by Ashoka’s son. Later, Buddhism crossed the sea into the rest of Southeast Asia.

**BUDDHIST EXPANSION ACROSS CENTRAL & EAST ASIA**

Buddhism entered China during the Han dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE). The first Buddhist missionaries accompanied merchant caravans that travelled using the Silk Roads, probably during the 1st century BCE. Buddhism managed to build a solid presence in China towards the fall of the Han dynasty in 220 CE where it grew in popularity for hundreds of years. From China, Buddhism entered Korea in 372 CE where it is now a belief system followed by many Koreans.

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1. Describe two ways that Buddhism spread from India to other parts of Asia. Identify which ruler had a major role in spreading Buddhism within and outside of Buddhism.

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2. Explain how Buddhism spread from India to Korea. What regions did it pass through? How did it spread to those regions?

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SQ 13: How did Buddhism spread?

Directions: Using evidence from the documents above, respond to the task below in the space provided.

Describe how and why Buddhism spread throughout Asia.

Think Like a Geographer

Contextualize