

Buddhism Assignment

This final assessment for the Buddhism unit is focused on Buddha's teaching. You will create a project that outlines The Four Noble Truths that we learned about from the textbook.

You will work in pairs of your choosing. If partners are not productive, then you will work on the project solo. You will be given class time to work on this assignment and anything that is not completed in class, is your responsibility to complete outside of class. You are welcome to use the classroom art supplies (color pens, pencils, scissors, printer paper and lined paper). You and your partner need to provide other art supplies that you may need.

Each project needs to show that you understand the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism. The FIRST thing that each pair needs to do is decide which project you want to do and then start brainstorming ideas. The SECOND thing is to create a draft of your project. The draft needs to outline the main ideas of the play, short story or comic strip. Then to talk with Ms. Nichols or Mr. Gershuny about the draft and then they will sign off on it. THEN you can start the final version of your project.

The project needs to include these requirements:

1. The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism
 - a. Suffering is present in all things, and nothing lasts forever.
 - b. Suffering is caused by cravings (desires and wants).
 - c. The way to end suffering is to give up all cravings.
 - d. The way to give up all cravings is to live life according to the Eightfold path
2. You need to include at least one aspect of the Eightfold Path in your project
 - a. Right Understanding: Develop a deep understanding of the Four Noble Truths.
 - b. Right Purpose: Live a life of selflessness (not selfishness), love and nonviolence.
 - c. Right Speech: Be careful and truthful in what you say. Do not lie or gossip.
 - d. Right Action: Do not kill, steal, or lie. Be Honest.
 - e. Right way to earn a living: Do not work at a job that causes harm to people or living creatures.
 - f. Right Effort: Promote good actions and prevent evil actions.
 - g. Right Mindfulness: Be aware of but not attached to your emotions, thoughts, and feelings.

- h. Right Concentration: Focus your mind with practices such as meditation.
3. Writing portions of the assignment needs to include the **words nirvana, alms, ascetic, suffering** at least once.

The projects can be a:

- Play- Needs to be at least a three minute scene with two to three pages of dialogue. Develop your (CROW) Characters, Relationships, Objectives and Where (non geographical location). What do you want from the other characters in the scene? What does the scene look like?
- Short story- Needs to be at least 2 pages long and have at least two characters. You need to include dialogue between the characters and describe the setting of the story. When and where does it take place? Who is in the story? What do the characters look like?
- Graphic Comic Strip- Needs to have at least 6 panels, word bubbles and at least three characters.
- If there is another project that partners want to do, please talk with Ms. Nichols or Mr. Gershuny. They need to approve the project.