

Spread of Buddhism: China, Korea, & Japan



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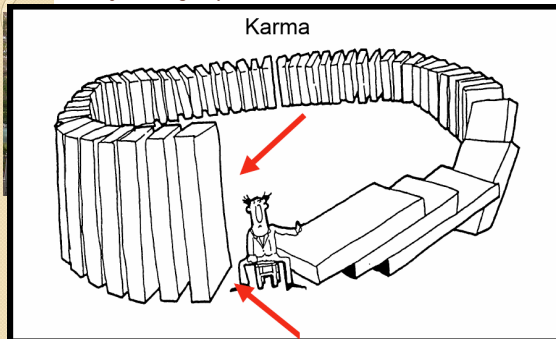
Buddhism starts in India (500s BCE)

Traders & missionaries spread Buddhism to China (100s CE)

Buddhism arrives in Korea from China (300s CE)

Buddhism spread to Japan from Korea (500s CE)

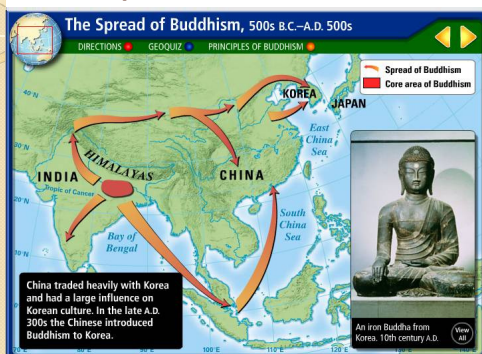
What do you remember about Buddhism?



Significance of Buddhism

- Collapse of Han Dynasty led to...
 - Chaos
 - Warfare
 - Starvation/famine
- People were attracted to Buddhism's message of salvation
 - Life is full of suffering
 - The way to end suffering is to end all desires

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Review

- What are the major ideas or beliefs of Buddhism?
- How did it spread to Japan & Korea from China?
- Why was Buddhism important in China?