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Asian Studies  
Lesson: Buddhism

I. New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards

II. Learning Objectives

- A. Students will understand basic principles of Buddhism
- B. Students will understand the role of Buddhism in Thai society

III. Materials

- A. Buddhism Reading
- B. Notes Worksheet

IV. Motivation

- A. Students will enter the room and will write a response to the following question: What role does Buddhism play in Thai society?

V. Instruction and Activity

- A. Class will begin with students completing evaluations for Mr. Brian.
- B. Students will then be split into groups of four and each student will be given a copy of the reading on Buddhism.
- C. Each student will be assigned a different section of the reading.
- D. While reading, students should summarize and take notes.
- E. After everyone has completed the reading, the students will teach each other the material that they read about.
- F. After students have taught each other, the material will be gone over as a class to ensure understanding.
- G. Students will then be given a reading about education in monasteries which they will be asked to read. After reading, students should respond to the following question: Imagine that you are not a student at Ruamrudee but instead were a student at a Buddhist monastery. How do you think your education would be different? How would it be the same? Do you think you would receive a better education at Ruamrudee or at the monastery? Why?

VI. Special Education Modifications

- A. Teacher will repeat and/or write down directions as needed.
- B. Teacher will allow extra time for students to process information.
- C. All materials will follow COLA principles.

VII. Homework

VIII. Assessment

- A. Class review of Buddhism material.
- B. Response to question about education in monasteries.
- C. Unit exam

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Buddhism Worksheet

**Instructions:** Read your assigned section and take notes about important aspects.

### The Buddha

### The Four Noble Truths

1.

2.

3.

4.

### Karma

### Cycles of Rebirth