## SSWH2: Buddhism and Hinduism Notes

Standard: SSWH2 The student will identify the major achievements of Chinese and Indian societies from 1100 BCE to 500 CE.

1	development and impact of Hinduism and Buddhism on	and subsequent
diffusion of B	uddhism.	
• Hindu	ism:	
0	religion	
0	Reincarnation and	
0	Not traced to one	
0	Strengthened the caste system through karma	
• Buddl	iism:	
0	Founded by	
0	Path to	
0	Attempt to reach nirvana, or a release from suffering and	
0	Rejected the caste system	
0	nism: Key Beliefs  The Noble Eightfold Path  Right View Right Thought Right Speech Right Behavior Right Livelihood Right Effort Right Mindfulness Right Mediation  Siddhartha Gautama (556-486 BCE)	
	■ Founder of	
	<ul> <li>Indian prince from a small north Indian state</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Led a sheltered and privileged existence</li> </ul>	
	• by the existence of old age	
	•	
	<ul> <li>began search for the causation and cessation of</li> </ul>	
	■ Upon becoming the	_ (the Buddha) formulated the
	Four Noble Truths	
	• Life has	
	• Selfish desire is the cause of	
	• can end	

	•	Follow the		(eight actions to help		
		eliminate suffering)				
	•	• is the elimination of suffering				
	•	• The identity is extinguished as greed, hatred, and delusion are extinguished too				
	•		or compassion for a	all living things develops		
	<ul> <li>Many similari</li> </ul>	ties to				
	<ul> <li>Karm</li> </ul>	a, reincarnation, overcom	ing the incessant demands of t	he ego,,		
	releas	e from samsara				
	o Differences to	00				
	<ul> <li>Rejec</li> </ul>	ted religious authority of l	Brahmins, ridiculed rituals and	, not		
	much	interested in the creation	of the world or the existence	of		
• Hine	duism and Buddl	nism in India				
	o Buddhism att	racted many	and	people who were a		
	the bottom o	f the caste system				
	o Though missi	ionaries spread the Buddh	nist religion in	, it never took hold		
	0	with other countries and territories helped Buddhism spread else where				
	(East Asia)					
	o remained the main religion of India.					