

Siddhartha Gautama

- A young prince from India who sought enlightenment. He founded Buddhism.





Siddhartha's Birth

- Born a prince in 563 B.C.E.
- His mom had a dream that he would be the Buddha.
- Could walk and talk when born.





Prince's Royal Life

- The king protected his son and gave him everything good in the world.
- He wondered what was outside the palace walls.
- At 16, he married and had a son.





Prince discovers 3 forms of suffering

- As he was older, he had more freedom to leave the palace.
- He discovered aging, sickness, and death.
- He struggled with the unhappiness of it but he found an ascetic who was peaceful.





Prince becomes an Ascetic

- gave up his life and became an ascetic
- Believed they could reach enlightenment through meditation.
- He became very thin from lack of food.
- Did not find enlightenment.





Prince becomes the Buddha

- Wanted balance between pleasure and pain
- On his birthday, he sat beneath a Bodhi tree
- Many gods tempted him but he saw how to end suffering and reach nirvana.

