

## East Asia Lesson Plan 3

### COMPARING BUDDHISM AND CONFUCIANISM

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#### **Purpose:**

The 'Big Concept' in this lesson is recognizing the similarities and differences in Korea's 2 largest religions.

The 'Essential Questions' students will address are

- (1) What are the basic beliefs of Buddhism?
- (2) What are the basic beliefs of Confucianism?
- (3) How are Buddhism & Confucianism similar?
- (4) How are Buddhism & Confucianism different?

#### **Rationale:**

Help students understand and analyze the 2 largest religions in East Asia.

#### **Materials:**

- Copies of World Explorer: The Ancient World by Heidi Hayes Jacobs, et. al. (Prentice-Hall, Inc., 2001) (preferably one per student)
- Copies of the attached handout (at least one per student)

#### **Activities: (1-2 Days)**

- Distribute & review the handout "Comparing Buddhism and Confucianism"
- Working independently students will use information from The Ancient World to complete the data table and writing.

#### **Assessment:**

- This lesson addresses the Ohio Academic Content Standard "People In Societies: Compare cultural practices, products and perspectives of past civilizations in order to understand commonality and diversity of cultures"
- Data tables will be assessed based on the accuracy of the information included by the student
- Writings will be assessed based on the use of facts to support a point of view.

#### **Grade Adaptation:**

This lesson is designed for a 7th grade class. It can easily be scaled down by eliminating the essay and/or having students work in small groups to create the data tables. Upper grades students can conduct independent research on the 2 religions.

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Directions: Use information from The Ancient World textbook to complete the data table below; then on a separate sheet of paper write an essay describing the similarities and differences between the 2 religions.

**BUDDHISM**

**CONFUCIANISM**

Who started it?		
When?		
How did it spread?		
Basic Beliefs		