

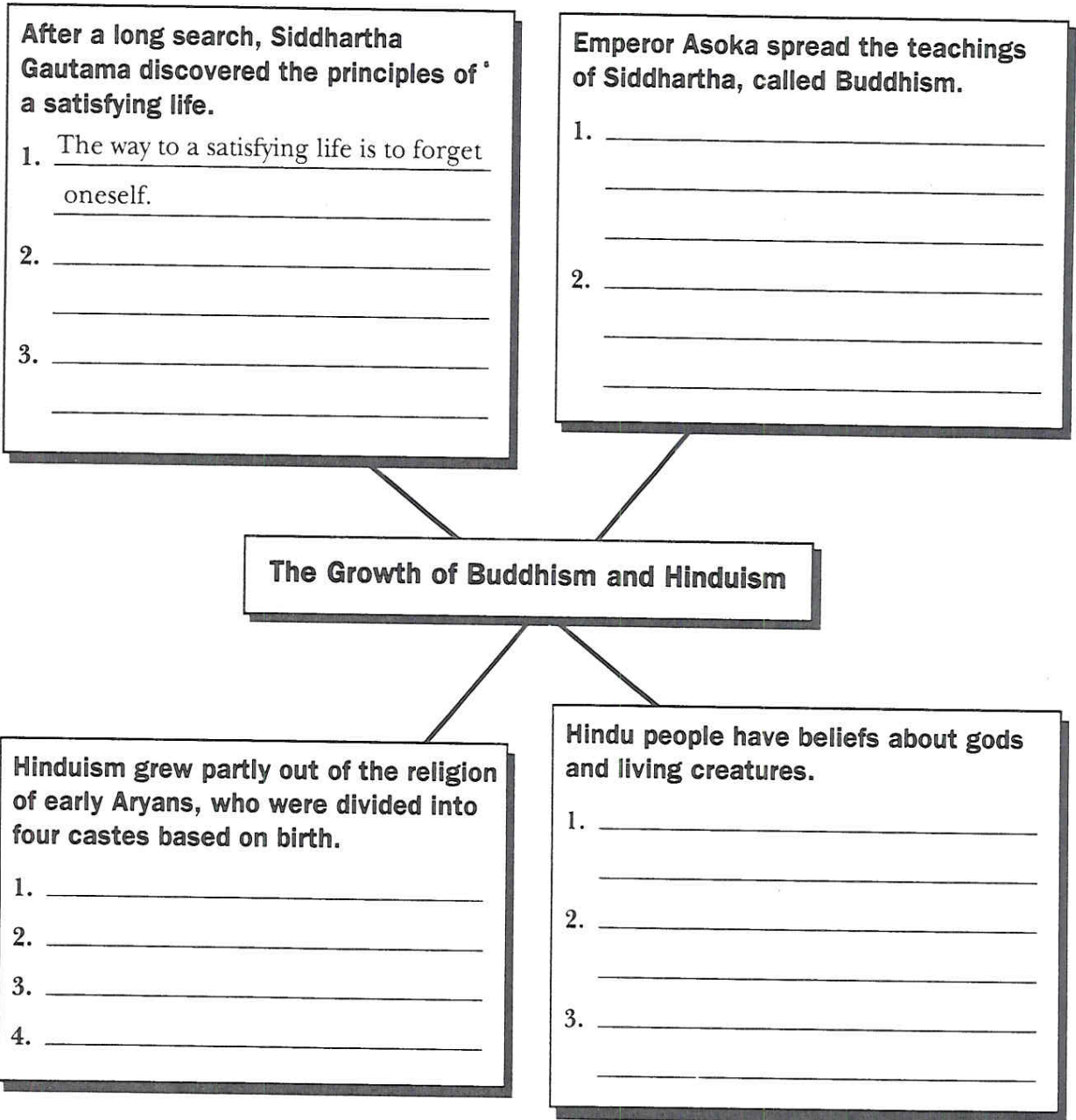
# UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

# 4

## Organizing Facts

## LESSON 2 CONTENT MASTER

\* The chart shows the main ideas of the lesson. Fill in the blank spaces with the details that support each main idea. The first one has been done for you.



**Think and Write:** Write a paragraph outlining Siddhartha Gautama's transformation from a prince to a great teacher. You may use the back of the sheet.

# COMPARING THE BUDDHA AND ASOKA

# 4

\* Each statement below describes either the Buddha or Emperor Asoka. Write either **B**, for the Buddha, or **A**, for Emperor Asoka, in the blanks on the left.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. His name means "the enlightened one."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. He was a powerful ruler who decided that war and suffering were wrong.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. He lived in caves to try to find a more satisfying way of life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. He erected stone pillars with Buddhist teachings carved on them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. He sent religious teachers to Alexandria and perhaps to China.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When he was growing up, he was not allowed to see or hear anything unpleasant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. He planted trees and dug wells to make travel in his kingdom more comfortable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. He was the son of a king who ruled part of what is now India and Nepal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. He believed that a truly wise person is an unselfish person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. He lived in the third century B.C.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. He got his name from his students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. According to legend, his children planted a bo tree in Sri Lanka.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. He was influenced by the sight of an ascetic.

**Thinking Further:** According to legend, Siddhartha Gautama's life might have taken him in either of two directions. He could have become a powerful king or a great teacher of wisdom. He took the second direction and eventually became the Buddha. Tell whether you think Siddhartha took the right course. Give two or three reasons to support your opinion.

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