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Ramayana Questions

Directions: Using the reading, answer the following questions in detailed complete sentences.

1. Based on the reading, what do you admire most about Ravana?
2. What does Ravana resolve as he prepares to go into battle? What does this resolution reveal about his character?
3. What does Indra send to Rama before Rama goes into battle? Why do you think the gods want help Rama to win?
4. How does Rama's approach to the battle differ from Ravana's? What do their actions reveal about their characters?
5. What message is revealed by Rama's defeat of Ravana? In other words: What is the overall message of this story? Is this message still relevant today in modern literature/film/tv shows?
6. What effect might the message of this story have had on ancient Indian society?
7. Think back to earlier studies on belief systems: Are there any connections to Hinduism and Buddhism in this reading? Explain.