

EIGHTFOLD PATH COLLAGE/40PTS

Often in Western culture, an emphasis is placed on accumulating material goods, gaining personal power, and achieving material pleasure. In contrast, followers of Buddhism believe that the way to attain enlightenment or nirvana is to follow the Eightfold Path. This is easier said than done as one must constantly make the appropriate choices in life to stay on the correct path to enlightenment.

YOUR TASK: Examine how society, through the means of the media, poses a challenge for teenagers to stay on the Eightfold Path in order to make correct decisions.

DIRECTIONS:

1. As small teams, you will divide the Eightfold Path so each group member is responsible for 2 steps.

Four 4 Noble Truths

- A. First Noble Truth – life is filled with suffering and sorrow*
- B. Second Noble Truth –the cause of suffering is people’s selfish desires for temporary pleasures*
- C. Third Noble Truth – the way to end all suffering is to end all desires*
- D. Fourth Noble Truth – the way to overcome desires and attain enlightenment is to follow the Eightfold Path, which is called the **Middle Way** between desires and self-denial*

Eightfold path consists of three categories: moral conduct (1-3), concentration (4-6) and wisdom (7-8).

- 1. Right Speech – no lies, hurtful or abusive language*
- 2. Right Action – act kindly, respect others, no stealing*
- 3. Right Livelihood –earn a living in a decent way*
- 4. Right Effort – without effort, nothing will be achieved. Will to prevent evil and promote goodness.*
- 5. Right Mindfulness – realize how things really are (not impacted by previous experiences) - attentive, diligently aware*
- 6. Right Concentration – meditation(to rid oneself of unwholesome thoughts and achieve pure awareness)*
- 7. Right Thought (Intention, Resolve)– commitment to self-improvement, selflessness and universal thoughts of love and nonviolence.*
- 8. Right Views (Understanding)– a full understanding of the 4 Noble Truths. Understanding of things as they are.*

2. Each group member will be responsible for examining how the media impacts their assigned two steps by means of analyzing popular magazines and cutting out images that correlate with each step. Each image should clearly convey how the media poses a challenge for teenagers to stay on the Eightfold Path. Along side each step of the Eightfold Path will include an image and a one sentence summary to rationalize your choice.

3. Produce one collage per group by following the steps listed below:

- ✓ At the top of the paper label your project “Eightfold Path.”
- ✓ Draw a path (straight or curvy) down the middle of the paper from the top to the bottom. Make sure to leave enough room on each side of the path for a collage and written explanation. Starting at the bottom of the paper create a ladder by dividing your path into eight (8) even sections.
- ✓ Starting at the bottom of the paper label each section of the path in order of the Eightfold Path (follow the same order as listed above, so number one is at the bottom!)
- ✓ Create a title at the top of the paper in the left hand section labeled “Challenges.” Create a title at the top of the paper on the right hand section labeled “Explanations.”
- ✓ In the “Challenges” section glue/draw/staple eight images next to the step the image relates to on the Eightfold Path.
- ✓ In the “Explanations” section write a one to two sentence summary next to each step to rationalize your choice of image.

4. HW: Type one comprehensive paragraph(no longer!) open response to the following question: “What challenges do teenagers face today if they were to attempt to follow the Eightfold Path?” Choose any two (2) steps to examine in your response. Your response is NOT limited to just the role of the media but can address the difficulty of following the Eightfold Path as a teenager on a daily basis.

You will be evaluated:

- Individually based on weekly rubric
- As a team based on the final product (collage), written paragraph & explanation to the class

Task	0 - Beginning	30 - Developing (70%)	34 - Focused (85%)	40 - Exemplary (100%)
Collage	<p>Project lacks attention to detail and/or neatness.</p> <p>Collage - images, summaries incomplete.</p> <p>0 points</p>	<p>Project could have been more organized.</p> <p>Collage may be missing one of the project elements or in the incorrect order.</p> <p>Few images not representative of step.</p> <p>Eight summaries written next to each step however all summaries may not be clear or accurate 14 points</p>	<p>Reflects that some time and effort went into project (could be more organized). Includes three titles (Eightfold Path / Challenges / Explanation) & path drawn with 8 sections labeled in correct order.</p> <p>Eight images placed next to each related step on path.</p> <p>Eight summaries written next to each step that explains how the image is related to the step but could go into more depth 17 points</p>	<p>Reflects that time and effort went into project (neatness/organization of images). Includes three titles (Eightfold Path / Challenges / Explanation) & path drawn with 8 sections labeled in correct order from bottom to top.</p> <p>Eight carefully selected images.</p> <p>Eight summaries written next to each step that clearly and accurately explains how the image is related to the step 20 points</p>
Paragraph	<p>Paragraph not done or few parts complete.</p> <p>0 points</p>	<p>Some parts done with few incomplete paragraph parts.</p> <p>Clearly not proofread by all team members. 14 points</p>	<p>Completely written paragraph. with one missing step examined in your response. Response was limited to just the role of the media. 17 points</p>	<p>Comprehensively written paragraph. Two steps examined in your response. Response NOT limited to just the role of the media but can address the difficulty of following the Eightfold Path as a teenager on a daily basis. Excellent details. 20 points</p>

EIGHTFOLD PATH RUBRIC

GROUP WORK:

An “A” collage:	A “B” collage:	A “C collage:	A “D” collage:	A “F” collage:
Reflects that time and effort went into project (neatness/organization of images). Includes three titles (Eightfold Path / Challenges / Explanation) & path drawn with 8 sections labeled in correct order from bottom to top.				Project hastily completed or incomplete. Collage may be missing titles (Eightfold Path / Challenges / Explanation) or path, may be drawn out of order
Eight carefully selected images placed next to each related step on path that clearly demonstrates the opposite meaning of that particular step			Eight or less images placed next to each related step on path however many do not demonstrate the opposite meaning of that particular step	Eight or less images placed next to each related step on path however images do not demonstrate the opposite meaning of that particular step
Eight summaries written next to each step that clearly and accurately explains how the image is related to the step				Summaries written next to each step are either vague, missing or inaccurate
Flawless mechanics	Mechanically correct with only minor errors	Significant errors in mechanics of writing	Problems with mechanics interfere with comprehension	Mechanics make comprehension difficult

INDIVIDUAL WORK:

An “A” reflection:	A “B” reflection:	A “C reflection:	A “D” reflection:	A “F” reflection:
Topic sentence is complex, creative and engaging and addresses all aspects of the question	Topic sentence shows understanding of the question however may lack keys words	Topic sentence provides a generic answer to the question, however may be missing important parts	Topic sentence does not directly or completely answer the question	Topic sentence is incorrect or off topic/missing
Response demonstrates a high level of insightfulness and depth	Response demonstrates a solid understanding and answers the question	Response demonstrates a basic understanding and may not fully answer the question	Response displays little understanding and provides insufficient evidence to answer the question	Response is hastily done and provides little to no evidence to answer the question
Clearly, insightfully and accurately examines two (2) steps of the Eightfold Path	Examines two (2) steps of the Eightfold Path but could go into more depth	Examines two (2) steps of the Eightfold Path but parts may be unclear or inaccurate	Examines two (2) or less steps of the Eightfold Path but explanation is unclear or inaccurate	Does not demonstrate an understanding of two (2) or less steps of the Eightfold Path
Flawless mechanics	Mechanically correct with only minor errors	Significant errors in mechanics of writing	Problems with mechanics interfere with comprehension	Mechanics make comprehension difficult

