

Siddhartha Chapters 1 & 2 Discussion Preparation

1. How is each of the two chapters a reflection of one of the *Four Noble Truths* of Buddhism? ***ACE format!**

(Answer, Cite evidence, Explain connection to claim)

Not Ace Format. Just answer.

2. What makes Siddhartha unhappy at the beginning of the story? Why is that reason important to his values, family, and friends?
3. How does Govinda show his love and devotion to Siddhartha? Why might he be a significant or insignificant character to Siddhartha's story?
4. Why does he compare meditation and the other Samana practices to drinking alcohol? What does he mean by this?
5. What does Siddhartha see as the distinction between learning and knowledge? (pg. 19) How does Govinda feel about it?
6. What is Siddhartha's opinion of learning? (pg.22)
7. What examples of the Eightfold Path do you see manifesting in the first 2 chapters?
*use your notes
8. What examples of Hinduism beliefs and culture do you see in the first 2 chapters? *use your notes