



Unit 1 E - The emergence and spread of belief systems

[Belief Systems Power Point Project: Global History and Geography](#)

Social Studies Standards 2 and 3 - World History and Geography
Key Ideas and Performance Indicators 2.1.1, 2.3.1, 3.1.4

[Lessons of the Indian Epics: Following the Dharma](#)

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Key Ideas and Performance Indicators 2.1.1, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 3.1.4

Context:

The epic poem The **Ramayana** is thought to have been composed more than 2500 years ago, and like the **Iliad** and the **Odyssey**, was originally transmitted orally by bards. This lesson will introduce students to the Indian concept of dharma through a reading of the epic, The Ramayana.

[Haven't I Seen You Somewhere Before?](#)

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Key Ideas and Performance Indicators 2.1.1, 2.1.4, 2.2.5, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 3.1.4

Context:

This lesson plan is designed to bring the meaning of *karma* and the related concept of *samsara* to life through the reading of the Jataka Tales. This lesson can be used either as an extension of lessons of the birth of Buddhism and the history of Asia, or as an introduction to world literature.