

# BELL WORK

**If you discovered a cure for cancer  
how and why would you share it?**



# OBJECTIVE

- I can analyze how and why Buddhism spread through China during the Tang Dynasty.
- SPI Describe the reunification of China under the Tang Dynasty and reasons for the cultural diffusion of Buddhism.

# POD TALK

- How did the Tang Dynasty unify China
- Think about what we discussed yesterday



If you discovered the secret to living a happy life, how and why would you share it?

# RECALL

- Let's create a list of all the facts we know about Buddhism



# ALL ABOUT BUDDHISM

- Buddhism came to China by monks and traders traveling along the Silk Roads
- Buddhism spread after the collapse of the Han Dynasty because it offered comfort in a time of uncertainty and disorder.
- Buddhism was popular in during the Tang Dynasty in China because it promised a better life to its followers

# SPREAD OF BUDDHISM

- People took comfort in the Buddhism
  - As a result, wealthy people donated land and money to construct Buddhist temples
- How did this differ from the reaction of wealthy people to Muhammad & Islam?**
- After China was unified under the Tang Dynasty, Buddhism continued to influence life
  - Buddhism then spread to Japan, Korea, and other throughout Eastern Asia

# BUDDHIST INFLUENCE

- Buddhism influenced many aspects of Chinese culture such as art, literature, and architecture. This time period (400-845) is often called the **Age of Buddhism**.
- This age came to an end when the Tang emperor launched a campaign against religion. This weakened Buddhism in China.



# CULTURAL DIFFUSION

- Cultural diffusion is the spread of ideas from one culture to another.
- Real world example:
  - A drop of red food color in water
- The Mexican American border
  - Spanish & English
  - Mixing/sharing of foods
  - Traditions



# TURN & TALK READING

- Each person in the group will be assigned a specific reading on WHY/HOW Buddhism spread during the Tang Dynasty.
- **Step 1: Read your section. As you read highlight significant evidence you want to teach your classmates.**
- **Step 2: Mrs. Martin will instruct the crews how to share the reading material. 😊**

# Exit Ticket

- Read section 1.
- Complete all of the section 1 review.