

Option 1: Through the course of its history in the Himalayas, Buddhism has demonstrated an ability to adapt to and absorb local traditions and practices. In our interim course, we examined the function of storytelling and the role of art in Himalayan Buddhism. We also examined Western attitudes toward Buddhism, and how the Himalayas and Buddhism are portrayed in Western media. Based on your understanding of Buddhism in the Himalayas, discuss the challenges facing the spread of Buddhism into the West. Use at least two primary documents to support your argument.

Option 2: The Buddhist ideologies and practices carried out in the Himalayas can be traced directly to the life and teachings of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, who lived in present day India. Discuss the validity of this statement. Use a minimum of three class resources to support your argument.

Option 3: Watch the movie *The Cup*. Based on your knowledge of Buddhism, are Buddhist philosophy and practice accurately portrayed? Explain why or why not. Use a minimum of three course resources to support your argument.