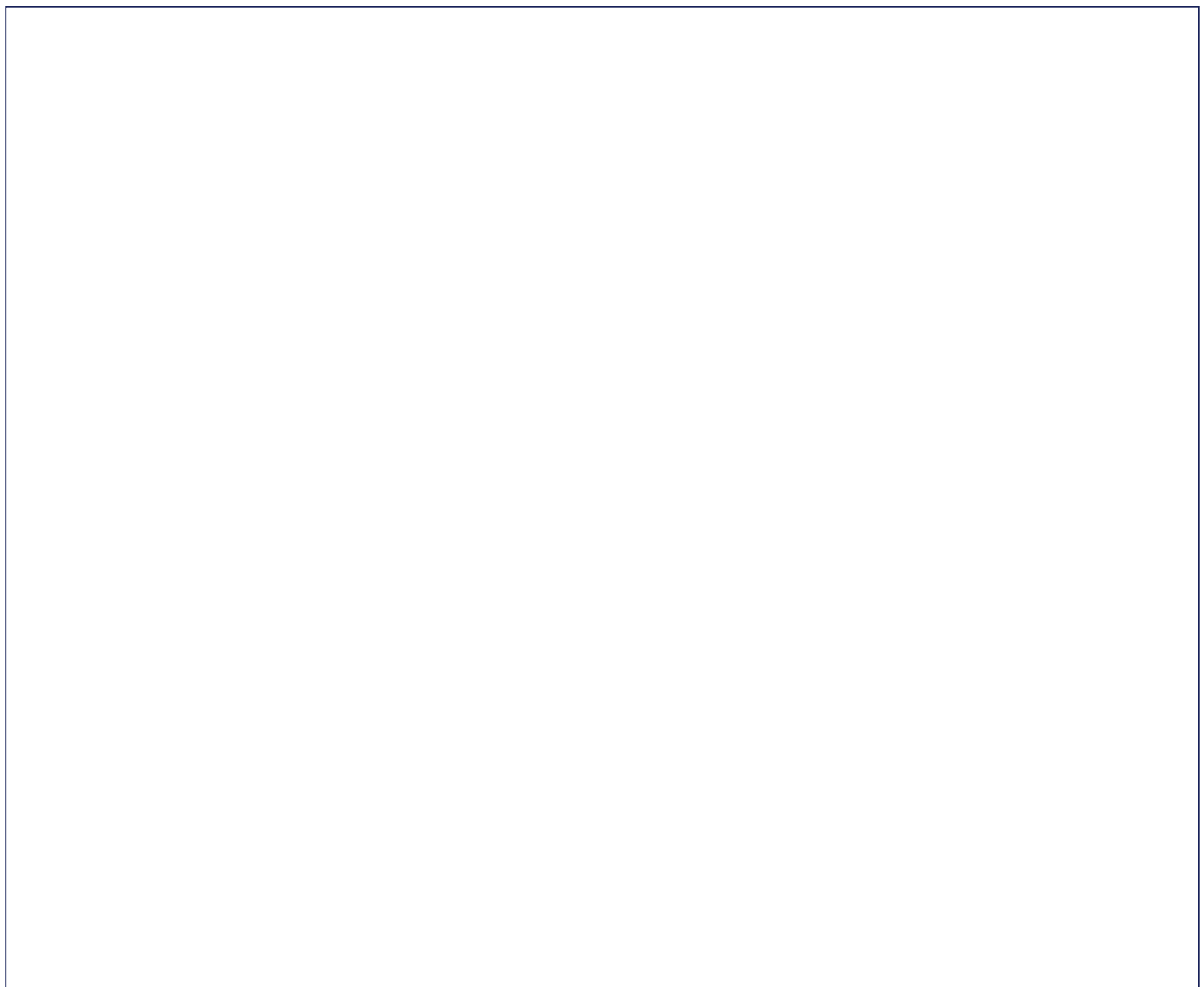


# Exploring the Life and Teachings of Siddhartha Gautama

*Learning objective: To understand the key symbols and elements associated with the life of the Buddha and the core principles of Buddhism.*

Use your knowledge of Buddhism to illustrate the key features of the Buddha's journey and his teachings. Follow the drawing steps carefully and use the word bank to label your final illustration.

**Draw: Create a peaceful, serene landscape scene. In the centre, draw Siddhartha Gautama sitting in a cross-legged meditation pose under a large, leafy Bodhi tree. Surround the base of the tree with clear water and blooming lotus flowers. In the corner, draw a Dharma wheel with eight spokes. Use soft, warm colours to represent a sense of calm and enlightenment. Style: Detailed line art with artistic shading.**



*Label words: Bodhi Tree · Lotus Flower · Dharma Wheel · Meditation · Siddhartha Gautama · Peace*

## Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw Siddhartha Gautama sitting in a peaceful meditation pose. Why might meditation be important to a Buddhist's daily life?
2. Step 2: Add a large Bodhi tree behind him. Explain why this tree is significant in the story of the Buddha.
3. Step 3: Draw a Dharma wheel nearby. What do the eight spokes of this wheel represent in Buddhist

teachings?

4. Step 4: Label your drawing using the words provided in the word bank.

5. Compare and contrast the symbol of the lotus flower with the lotus plant's natural habitat. Why is this a powerful metaphor for enlightenment?

6. Justify your answer: If a person lived by the Eightfold Path, how might their actions towards others change?