**What is Mahayana Buddhism?**

Mahayana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a term used to describe a number of different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that share some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Some of the main Mahayana traditions include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Whilst Theravada Buddhists believe Buddha to be simply a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figure and cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the world. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mahayana Buddhists believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remains active and can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world. He can be encountered through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . He can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself in different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One of the differences between Theravada and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Buddhism is how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be achieved.

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**Buddha-nature and attaining Buddhahood**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-nature is an important concept in Mahayana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It refers to the idea that everyone has the essence of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inside them. However, achieving the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to become a Buddha is hidden by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts.

Only when people come to fully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Buddha’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (teachings) and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of themselves and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can they experience the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- nature that was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Buddhists aim to achieve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: to become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being.

**Sunyata.**

Sunyata means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Buddhists understanding sunyata is essential for achieving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sunyata could be understood as a similar idea to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It emphasises that not only do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ independent, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ things are like that. Nothing exists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to other things.

For Buddhists realising that everything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with everything can lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Realising everything is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is important for reducing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resulting from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

