

**Regents Global History and Geography 9  
Thematic Essay  
Friday, 12 Oct**

**Either one of these topics may be selected for the October Essay.**

**Theme: Change**

*The ideas and beliefs of philosophers and leaders have led to changes in nations and regions.*

For your assigned leader,

- Explain a major area of belief of that philosopher or leader
- Discuss how that idea or belief changed a nation or region.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Buddha</li><li>b) Kongfuzi<br/>(Confucius)</li><li>c) Laozi</li><li>d) Emperor Asoka</li></ul> |
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**Theme: Turning Points**

*Turning points are major events in history that have led to lasting change.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Confucianism</li><li>b) Spread of Buddhism</li><li>c) Aryan Invasion of India</li></ul> |
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For your assigned turning point(s):

- Describe the historical circumstances surrounding the turning point.
- Explain how the turning point changed the course of history.