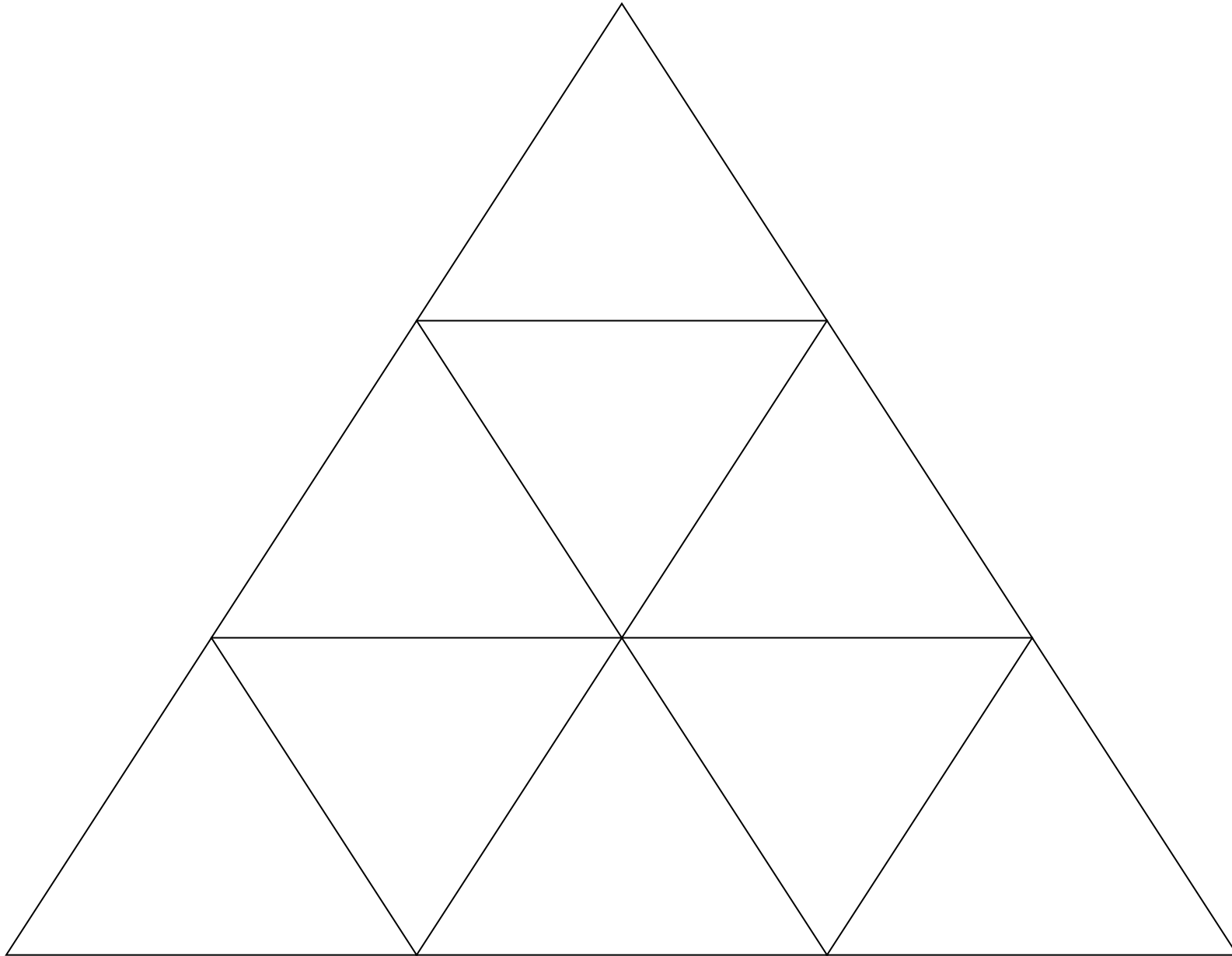
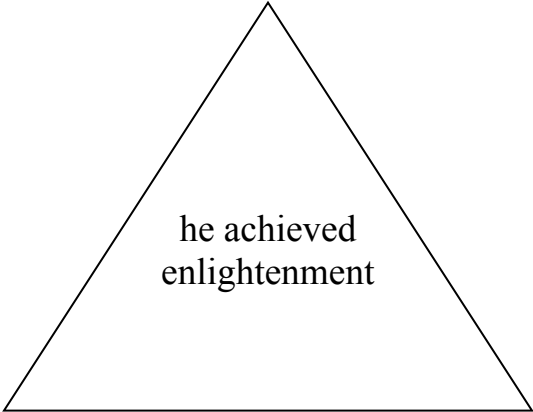
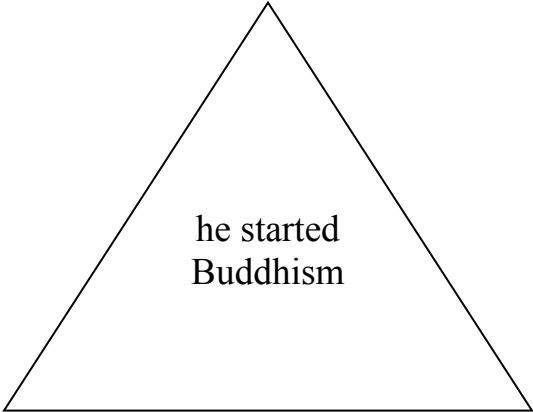


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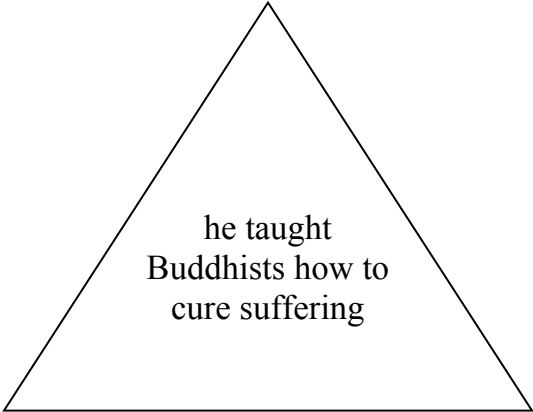




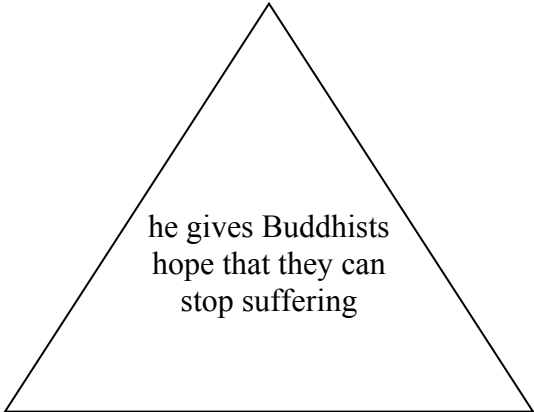
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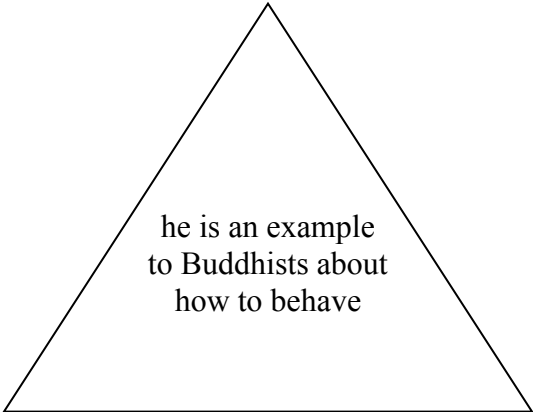
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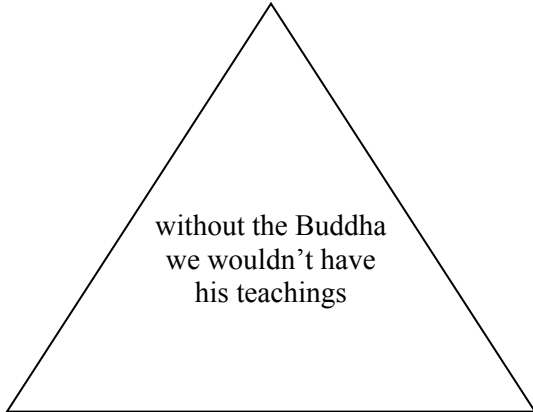
he taught  
Buddhists how to  
cure suffering



he gives Buddhists  
hope that they can  
stop suffering



he is an example  
to Buddhists about  
how to behave



without the Buddha  
we wouldn't have  
his teachings