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EIGHTFOLD PATH

During the Mauryan Dynasty, the emperor Asoka became devoted to Buddhist teachings and spreading peace. As part of this mission he built hospitals, promoted trade, and sent Buddhist teachers throughout India and the rest of Asia to spread the ways of Buddha. In addition, he had people carve Buddha's teachings on stone pillars for people to read. Under Asoka, the Indian empire flourished.

You are going to be placed in groups of 4 and will be creating a pillar that will display your own Eightfold Path. You will use the original Eightfold Path as inspiration to create your own 8 steps on how to live a good and enlightened life. These pillars will be displayed in the hall so they must be appropriate and thoughtful.

You must follow these steps in order to complete this project with your group.

1. **Rough draft:** With your group you will determine what your 8 steps should be and you will write them on loose leaf paper and submit it to me for my approval.
2. **Final:**
   a. One approved, you will draw and cut out a pillar that is exactly 6 feet tall and roughly 2 ft. wide from the provided paper.
   b. Then, you will carefully and neatly write out your Eightfold path in large letters starting near the top of the column and continuing to the bottom.
   c. Decoration on the column and creativity are expected.