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Q3 How did Prince Gautama become the Buddha?

Ans Prince Gautama, while riding outside one day, saw few sights that changed his life forever — an old man, a sick man, a dead body, and a monk affected deeply by these sights, he gave up life in the palace and became a wandering monk. After many years of meditation, he finally found the answers he had been looking for. Thus, he came to be called Gautama Buddha or the Enlightened one.

Q4 What effect did the Kalinga War have on Ashoka?

Ans Ashoka conquered almost the whole of India. After the capture of Kalinga, he saw that the war left many thousands of people dead and many more wounded. The pain and suffering caused by the war filled him with so much sorrow that he made a promise to never fight a war again. He became a follower of Buddhism, he gave up all his wealth and began to lead a simple life.



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## Short Notes On:-

a. Mahavira — Mahavira, also known as Vardhamana who was born in 600 BC, a royal family in the kingdom of Vaishali. At the age of 30, he left the palace to become a monk after 12 years of meditation, he found the truth he was looking for. He spent the next 30 years travelling and teaching people. His followers are called Jains and their religion is called Jainism.

b. Ashoka — Ashoka is remembered as a great king of ancient India. Even though he fought many years and conquered many kingdoms, he gave it all up when he saw the pain and suffering caused by the Kalinga war. He became a follower of Buddhism, gave up his wealth and began to live a life of honesty, kindness and charity. He is known as Ashoka the Great because he won over a mighty empire with love not war.