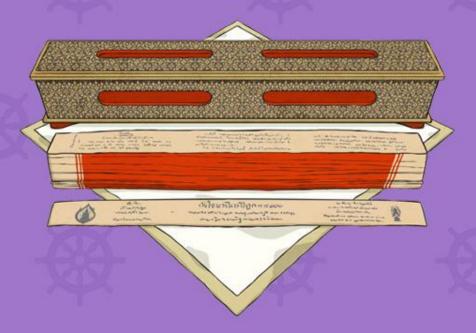
Holy Book





History

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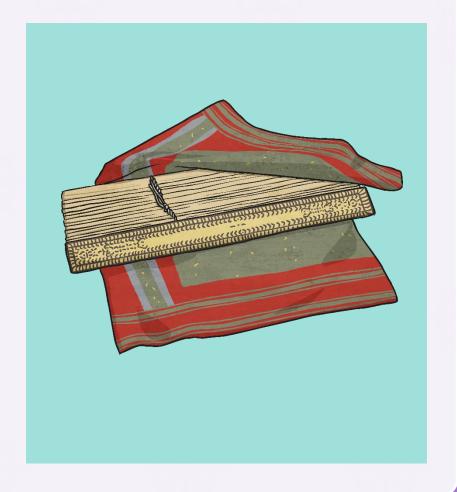
People were used to just remembering important things and teachings.

After the Buddha had passed away people started to think it would be a good idea to write down what the Buddha had said and taught so that it was all clear for people to follow.

- The Tripitaka is the sacred (special) book for Buddhists.
- It is where all of the teachings of Buddha are recorded.
- They were gathered by The Buddha's followers and written down after he died.
- The Tripitaka is also known as the Pali canon.



- It was called Pali after the ancient language that it was first written in.
- Canon means collection of writings, which is exactly what the book is.
- Tripitaka which means three baskets, and the book is split into 3 sections, referred to as baskets of wisdom.



- The Tripitaka contains the teachings of The Buddha.
- Including how to lead a fulfilled life and to achieve enlightenment.
- The Buddha was a great story teller and often told stories to get his message across.
- Summaries of these stories are contained in the Tripitaka.



- The Tripitaka shows that The Buddha wanted to help others to achieve enlightenment.
- It explains what The Buddha believed to be the way to enlightenment.
- It wasn't written by The Buddha himself, showing that he felt that teaching the people was more important than writing his messages down.



