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Siddhartha
“Gotama”(chpt. 3) & “Awakening” (chpt. 4): Reading Guide

I. Vocabulary: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

alms: money or goods donated to the poor

abode: home

countenance: facial expression; appearance

demeanor: facial expression, appearance; behavior

esteem: respect

abate: to lessen; reduce in intensity

reproach: criticize; disapprove

equanimity: quality of being calm

imperturbable: not easily upset; calm and steady

II. Questions: answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

1. What does every child in the town of Savathi know?
2. What is Gotama’s favorite abode?
3. Once Siddhartha and Govinda learn where to find Gotama, why do they not need to ask directions?
4. The two Samanas, Siddhartha and Govinda, recognized the Buddha only by what?
5. What was Siddhartha’s assessment of Gotama?
6. What did Gotama preach about?
7. What is Siddhartha’s response to Govinda swearing allegiance to the Buddha?

8. According to Siddhartha, what is the one gap in the Buddha's teachings?
 9. Gotama says that the goal of his teaching is not what?
 10. Gotama states that the only goal of his teachings is what?
 11. According to Siddhartha, what is the one thing that is not contained in the Buddha's instruction?
 12. What does Siddhartha say he will do instead of follow the Buddha?
 13. What does the Buddha tell Siddhartha to be on guard of?
 14. Siddhartha is impressed with Gotama's look and smile. He says that one looks like that and smiles like that only when one does what?
 15. What does Siddhartha say Gotama has stolen from him?
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16. Besides Govinda, what else does Siddhartha feel like he has left behind in the grove?
17. What desire does Siddhartha no longer have?
18. What single reason does Siddhartha give for why he has remained alien and unknown to himself?
19. Why is Siddhartha so alone?