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- a) Buddhism first originated in India around 500 BC. It is based on the teachings of Siddhartha, a prince from a small village. Siddhartha had a sheltered life as a prince and once he ventured outside the palace and saw the suffering of others he gave up his life of wealth and went in search for happiness. After years of trying and meditation, Siddhartha finally reached the state of ~~stage~~ enlightenment. He then travelled, teaching others his beliefs and the path to true happiness and enlightenment. Siddhartha's followers travelled, after his death and spread the message of Buddhism around the world.
- b) Globalisation has impacted Buddhism through each country that Buddhism has spread to altering the belief system slightly. There are many different types of Buddhism, which is caused by the differences and previous beliefs of that country it spread to. Each ~~these~~ types holds the same general belief but differences in ritual, myth and how to attain

enlightenment.

Globalisation has also led to other changes within Buddhism, the treatment of women in the religion has changed due to the impact of the western world. While globalisation has also caused many buddhists not to be so strict with following the religion and to bend the rules a little to cope with both westernisation and modernisation as well as change in gender.

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