

Dharma Training Class **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

Reading texts: Use these questions to guide your reading and understanding of assigned texts.

Presenting texts: Use these questions to structure your class presentation.

Homework: Answer these questions in writing for each text as required homework.

I. Context

1. When was this book written and/or translated? If it was translated, from what language?
2. By whom was it written (or, in some cases, to whom is it attributed)?
3. What facts about the author's life could help you understand this book?
4. Does this book reflect a particular school of Buddhist thought? If so, which one?
5. How does this book fit into the overall curriculum of this class year? (i.e., for year one, the life of the Buddha and introduction to Buddhism and Buddhist practice)

II. Content

1. Provide a brief summary (maximum 5 sentences) of this book/reading.
2. List and explain three key teachings of this reading. (Please refer to the concepts spreadsheet on the "Class Materials" web page.)
3. List and define three key terms in this reading. (Please refer to the concepts spreadsheet on the "Class Materials" web page.)

III. Application

1. Please describe how this reading can or has influenced your practice.