

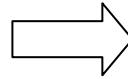
Samsara Dog

Author: Helen Manos
Illustrator: Julie Vivas

1. Use Google, an encyclopaedia or a dictionary to find the meaning of "Samsara".
2. Do you think that "Samsara Dog" is a good title for this book? Why or why not?
3. What is meant by "Nirvana"?
4. Draw a flow chart showing the changes in dog through his different lives. Use the word art tool bar for this task.

Eg.

1. Lived on the street.
Trusted nobody. Loved nobody.



2.

5. How does Julie Vivas use her illustrations to show a change in dog through his different lives?
6. Reread the verse by Shantideva that appears at the beginning of the book. Why do you think that it was included in "Samsara Dog"?
7. Research the circular symbol that appears at the beginning and end of the book (Wheel of Life). What does it mean?
8. Create a table in Word with the following headings:

Buddhism	Some Major Beliefs or Stories	Sacred Places	Special Ceremonies and Times of Year	Some Laws or Rules about how People should Behave

Research Buddhism using books, encyclopaedia and the Internet and see if you can complete the table. Compare your findings with other class members.

9. Write a book review for "Samsara Dog" that could be displayed in the school library.
10. Design a new cover for "Samsara Dog".