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ANITA GANERI**ON-SCREEN RESOURCE 1**

The Birth of the Buddha



Read the text 'The Birth of the Buddha' then answer these questions as carefully as you can.

Do you think it is important for the reader to be told that the kingdom where the Buddha was born was small. Why?

Why do you think Queen Maya was filled with joy after waking up from her dream?

Why did the king summon the wise men to the palace?

What was it traditional for a mother-to-be to do when her baby was due to arrive? What do you think might have been the reason for this?

Why do you think Queen Maya decided to stop at the garden of Lumbini?

Does the story of 'The Birth of the Buddha' remind you of another birth story from a different world faith? What are the similarities?

Why do you think Buddhists decorate their homes with flowers and lamps in the month of May?