**List of Potential Discussion Questions**

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| *Historical Background** What year was your sect introduced?
* Who started your sect?
* Did it begin in a certain area of Japan?
* Was it created by a split from a previous sect?
* Was it connected to a Chinese or Korean sect?
* Is there a specific Buddha related to your sect?
* Did any important Japanese historical figures follow your sect?
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| *Specific beliefs and/or practices** How is it different from the other sects?
* Explain the specific beliefs held by your sect.
* Explain the specific practices held by your sect.
* What makes the beliefs of practices unique?
* Is there a purpose for these beliefs and practices?
	+ What is the purpose for the beliefs and practices?
* Did certain social groups belong to your sect?
	+ Which ones?
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| *Historical Significance** What impact did your sect have on Japanese society?
	+ What aspect of society did it impact?
* Is your sect still practiced today?
* What percentage of Japanese citizens practiced it during the Medieval Period?
	+ What percentage of Japanese citizens practice it today?
* Why do you think your sect is important?
* Why do you think your sect should be studied in American Schools?
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