

Diwali Story Writing Frame

Learning objective: To write a creative story about a child's experience of Diwali, focusing on the traditions and celebrations of this festival

Use this writing scaffold to help you write a story about the experience of celebrating Diwali. Remember to include descriptions of the traditions, the feelings of the characters, and the celebrations. You can use the word bank to help you choose the right words and phrases.

Once upon a time, in a small village in India, [Name] was preparing for the most important festival of the year, Diwali...

Word bank: traditions · festivals · candles · lamps · fireworks · candies · diyas · festive · joy · rituals · cultural · festivities · greetings · dancing · music · family · community · gifts · Holi · Lantern Festival

1. [Introduction]: What is the name of the village and the main character? What time of the year is Diwali and why is it special? (2 marks)

2. [Celebrations]: Describe the decorations and lights that [Name] and their family put up for the festival. (2 marks)

3. [Traditions]: What are some of the traditional activities and rituals that [Name] and their family do during Diwali? (2 marks)

4. [Feelings and Experiences]: How does [Name] feel on the day of Diwali? What are some of the experiences they have with their family and friends? (2 marks)

5. [Conclusion]: What does [Name] take away from celebrating Diwali that they will remember for a long time? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favorite part of the Diwali festival. Include details like decorations, family members, and any special activities.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw their favorite part of the Diwali festival. The box is currently blank.

Extension challenge: Research about the significance of different symbols and colors used during Diwali, and include them in your story.