

The Story of Diwali: Light over Darkness

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the key themes and plot of the Diwali story (the return of Rama and Sita).

Pip the caterpillar has been reading all about the festival of Diwali! Use your knowledge of the story to answer the questions below. Remember to write in full sentences.

Word bank: victory · diya · righteousness · loyalty · celebration · courage

1. Who are the main characters in the story of Diwali, and what is the relationship between them? (2 marks)

2. Why did Rama and Sita have to leave their kingdom and live in the forest? (2 marks)

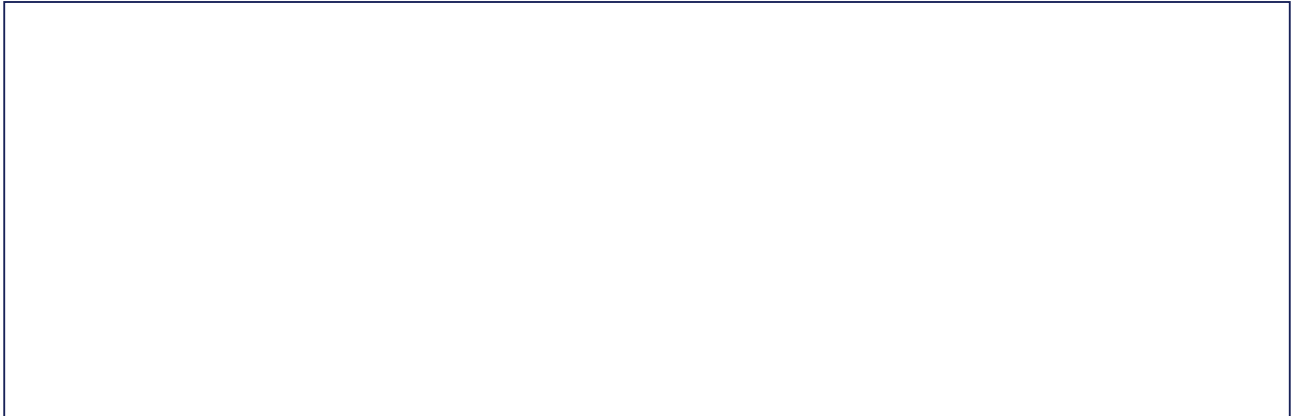
3. Describe the role of Hanuman in the story. How did he help Rama? (3 marks)

4. The story is often described as 'the victory of light over darkness'. What does this mean in the context of the story? (4 marks)

5. When Rama and Sita returned home, the people lit small oil lamps. What are these lamps called, and why were they used? (2 marks)

6. If you were to write a poem about the return of the King and Queen, which three words from the word bank would you include to describe the mood? Explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a colourful scene showing the city of Ayodhya lit up with diyas to welcome Rama and Sita home.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a citizen of Ayodhya. Write a short diary entry describing how you felt when you saw the lights and knew the King and Queen had returned.