

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the key themes, characters, and cultural significance of the Diwali story.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of the Diwali story. Read the term or question on the left, then check your answer on the right.

Which character does Pip the caterpillar say is the prince who returns to his kingdom?	What is the name of the kingdom Prince Rama returns to after his victory?
Prince Rama.	Ayodhya.
What do people light to help guide Rama and Sita home?	Who is the brave princess that accompanies Rama during his exile?
Diyas (small oil lamps).	Sita.
What is the main moral theme of the Diwali story?	How many years was Rama sent away into exile?
The victory of good over evil and light over darkness.	Fourteen years.
Who is the ten-headed king that kidnapped Sita?	What does the word 'Deepavali' (Diwali) literally mean?
Ravana.	A row of lamps.
Which goddess is often worshipped during Diwali to bring prosperity?	What did the people of Ayodhya do to welcome Rama home?
The goddess Lakshmi.	They cleaned their homes and lit thousands of diyas.
Why is Diwali known as the 'Festival of Lights'?	What does the story teach us about bravery and loyalty?
Because of the tradition of lighting lamps to represent the triumph of light over dark.	It highlights the importance of staying true to one's values and protecting those we love.