

Exploring Hindu Traditions with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key symbols and features associated with Hindu worship and traditions.

Use your knowledge of Hinduism to complete the drawing below. Think about the significance of light, nature, and sacred symbols in Hindu practice.

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene of a home shrine (Mandir). Include: 1) A small, glowing Diya lamp on a table. 2) A colorful, symmetrical Rangoli pattern on the floor in front of the shrine. 3) A decorative lotus flower placed nearby. 4) The 'Aum' symbol displayed on the wall behind the shrine. Use bright, warm colors to show a sense of devotion and celebration.



Label words: Diya · Mandir · Rangoli · Aum · Lotus · Shrine

Steps:

1. Explain why light (the Diya lamp) is such a significant symbol in Hindu celebrations like Diwali.
2. Label your drawing to identify the Mandir and the Rangoli pattern you have created.
3. Why do you think the lotus flower is often featured in Hindu art and iconography?
4. Describe one way a Hindu family might prepare their home for a festival.
5. Which symbol did you choose to draw in the center of your page and what does it represent?