

Ellie's Diwali Narrative Reflection

Learning objective: To analyse the significance of the Diwali story, focusing on themes of light, tradition, and the triumph of good over evil.

Use this template to reflect on the traditional Diwali story. As you complete each section, consider how the narrative structure—the problem, the journey, and the resolution—helps to convey the moral of the story. Use your best descriptive vocabulary and ensure you justify your interpretations of the characters' actions.

Word bank: triumph · symbolism · narrative · virtue · illumination · tradition · persistence · significance · victory · resilience

1. The Hero's Motivation: Explain why the protagonist in the Diwali story chooses to embark on their challenging journey. What does this tell us about their character? (3 marks)

2. Symbolism of Light: In the story, 'light' acts as a powerful symbol. Compare and contrast how light is used to represent hope versus how darkness is used to represent conflict. (4 marks)

3. The Turning Point: Identify the exact moment when the tide turns in the story. Justify your answer by explaining how this specific event influences the final outcome. (3 marks)

4. Theme Analysis: What might happen to the moral of the story if the characters did not receive help from others during their time of need? (3 marks)

5. Cultural Context: Ellie loves history! Explain why it is important for communities to pass down stories like the Diwali narrative through generations. (2 marks)

6. Personal Reflection: If you were tasked with writing a modern-day sequel to this story, what 'light' would your main character need to bring to the world, and why? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Creative Writing Task: Write a short, persuasive speech (150-200 words) from the perspective of a character in the story, encouraging their community to remain resilient during the darkest times. Use rich, evocative language to describe the 'inner light' of courage.