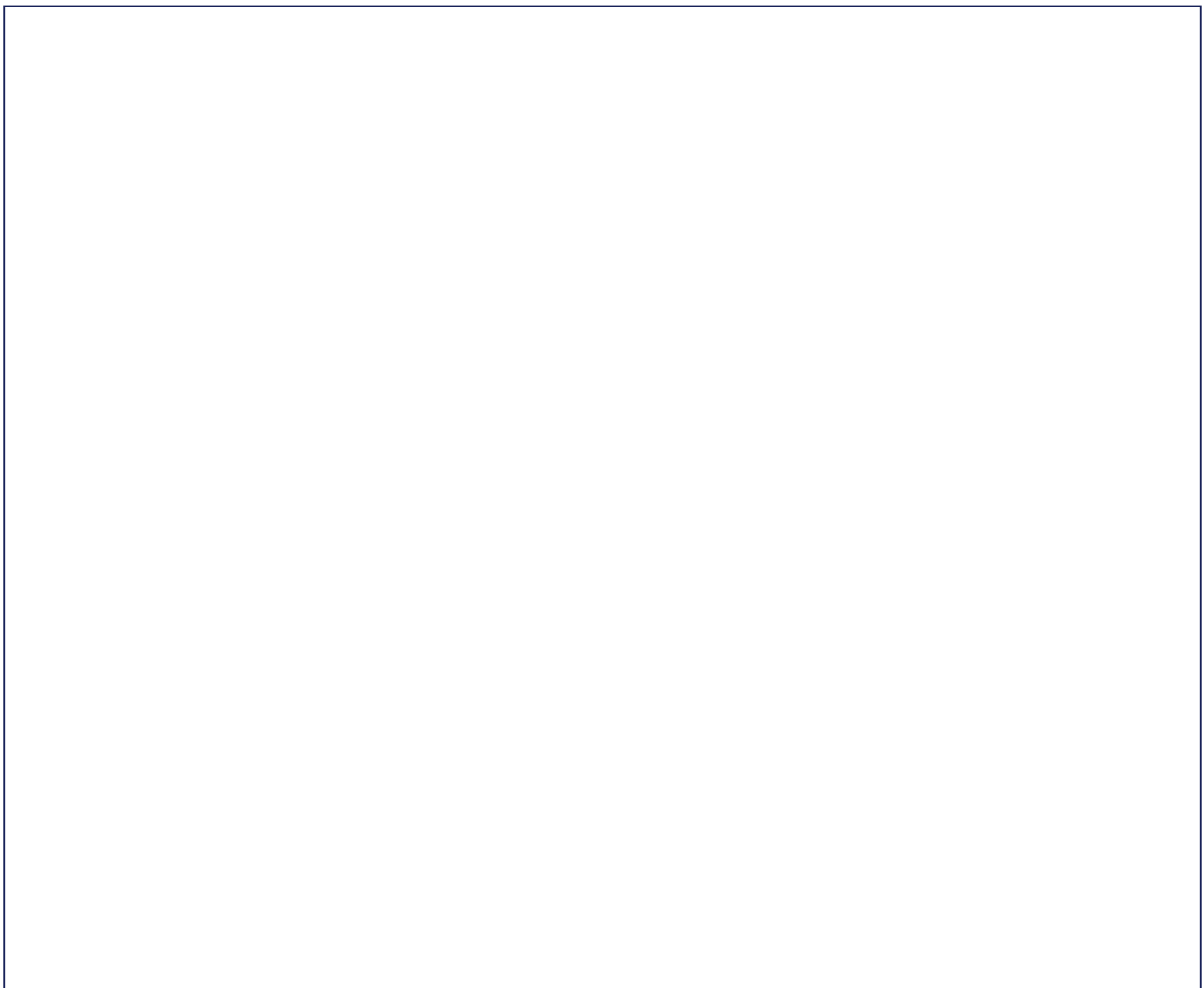


Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and identify key symbols and traditions associated with the celebration.

Follow the steps below to create an informative and artistic representation of Diwali. Use your knowledge of the festival's themes to add detail and colour to your work.

Draw: Create a detailed scene showing a traditional Diwali celebration. In the centre, draw a symmetrical, colourful Rangoli pattern on the floor. Surround the pattern with small, glowing clay lamps (diyas) with flickering flames. Include Nova the Owl in the corner, observing the scene with a notebook. The style should be vibrant and use warm colours like orange, gold, and deep red to represent the light of the festival.



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Steps:

1. Explain why light is a significant symbol during the Diwali festival. How does this contrast with the concept of 'darkness' mentioned in the text?
2. Compare and contrast the practice of creating Rangoli patterns with the act of lighting diyas. What is the purpose of each?
3. Justify why families might choose to clean their homes thoroughly before the festival begins.

4. What might happen if a family chose not to light any diyas during Diwali? How would this affect the atmosphere of the celebration?
5. Step 1: Draw a large, intricate Rangoli pattern in the centre of your page. Use geometric shapes and symmetry.
6. Step 2: Label your Rangoli pattern and add at least three diyas around the edge of the design.