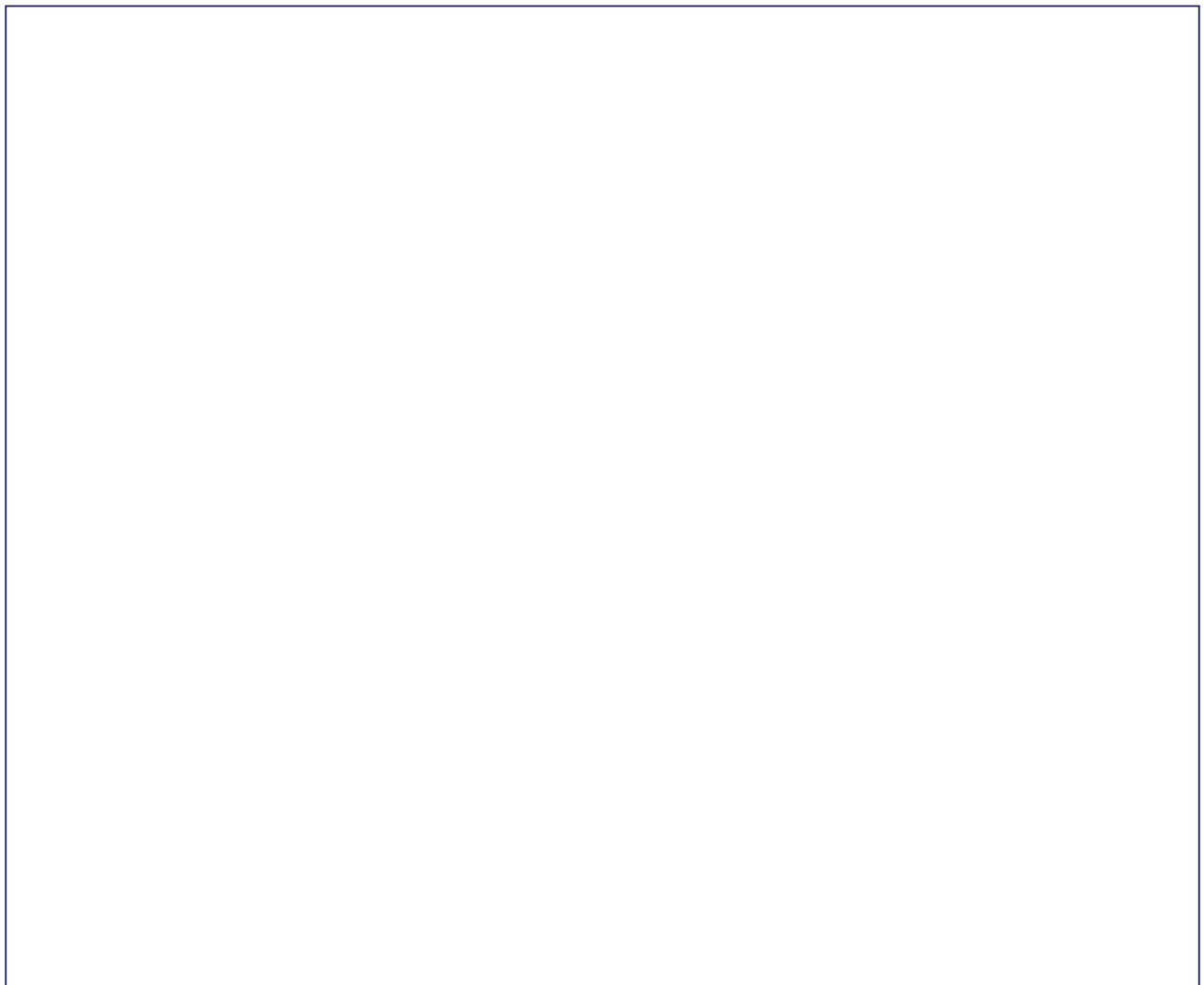


Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the symbolism and artistic traditions associated with Diwali and express them through visual representation.

Use this sheet to design a vibrant Diwali scene. Incorporate the traditional elements listed in the word bank to demonstrate your understanding of the festival's significance. Use bold colours and intricate patterns to reflect the joy of the celebration.

Draw: Create a detailed scene showing a doorway during Diwali. Include a complex, symmetrical Rangoli pattern on the floor using vibrant colours. Surround the pattern with at least five clay diyas, each with a bright, warm flame. In the background, draw a night sky illuminated by colourful firework bursts. Ensure the style is ornate and celebratory, focusing on the contrast between the dark sky and the glowing lights.



Label words: Diya (oil lamp) · Rangoli · Lotus flower · Fireworks · Symmetry · Prosperity · Light over darkness

Steps:

1. Explain why light is a central theme in Diwali celebrations. How does this connect to the concept of 'good over evil'?
2. Compare and contrast the use of Rangoli patterns with other forms of celebratory art you have studied. What is the significance of symmetry in these designs?

3. Justify why families choose to light diyas in rows rather than placing them randomly around their homes.
4. What might happen if the tradition of creating Rangoli patterns was lost? How would this change the atmosphere of the festival?
5. Step 1: Draw a large, symmetrical Rangoli pattern in the centre of your page using geometric shapes.
6. Step 2: Label the diyas you have drawn around the perimeter of your Rangoli pattern.