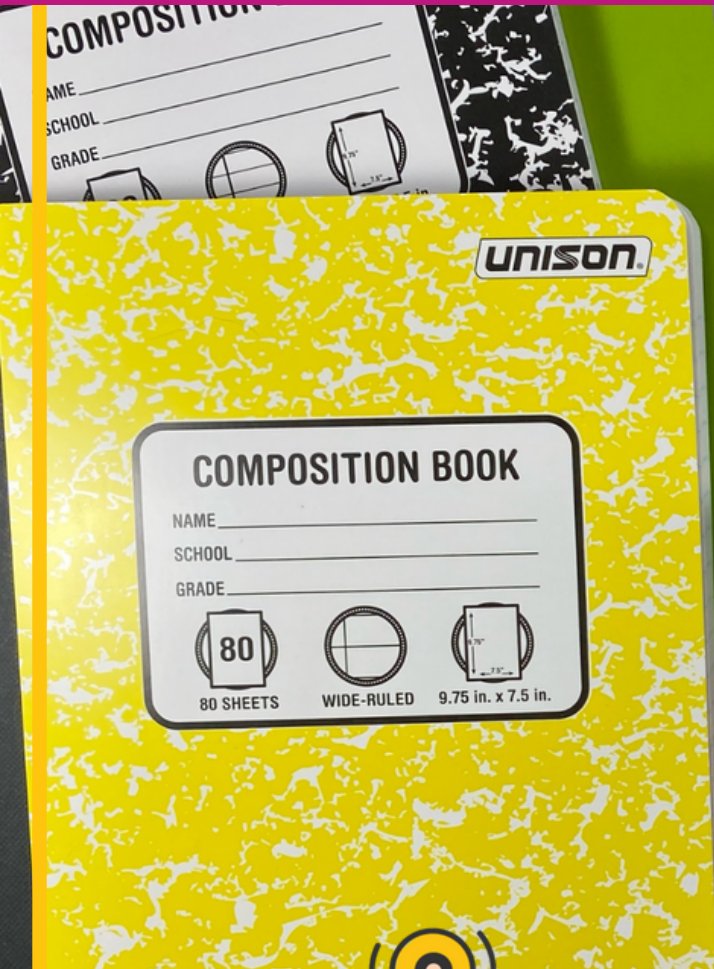


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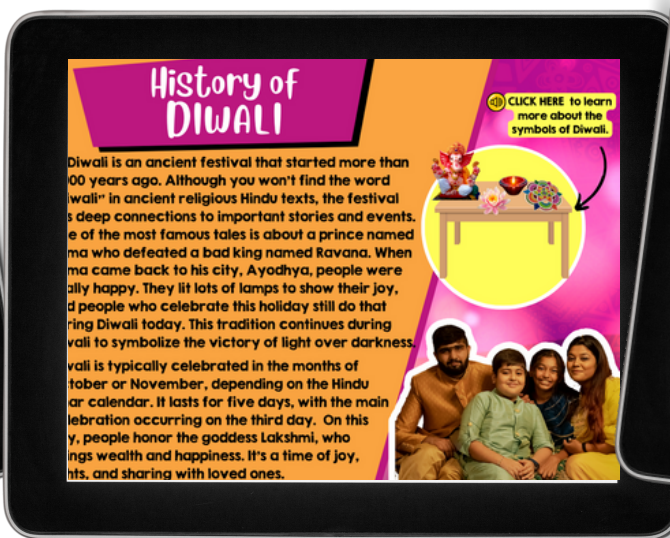


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Inside the Diwali LINKtivity students will learn the history behind this holiday as well as how it is celebrated in India and around the world. They will also learn about important symbols associated with the holiday. In addition, this LINKtivity includes videos related to Diwali for students to watch.





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History of Diwali

Diwali is an ancient festival that started more than 2,000 years ago. Although you won't find the word "Diwali" in ancient religious Hindu texts, the festival has deep connections to important stories and events. One of the most famous tales is about a prince named Rama who defeated a bad king named Ravana. When Rama came back to his city, Ayodhya, people were really happy. They lit lots of lamps to show their joy, and people who celebrate this holiday still do that during Diwali today. This tradition continues during Diwali to symbolize the victory of light over darkness.

Diwali is typically celebrated in the months of October or November, depending on the Hindu lunar calendar. It lasts for five days, with the main celebration occurring on the third day. On this day, people honor the goddess Lakshmi, who brings wealth and happiness. It's a time of joy, lights, and sharing with loved ones.

[CLICK HERE to learn more about the symbols of Diwali.](#)


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What is DIWALI?

Diwali is a five-day festival celebrated in India. It takes place every autumn between October and November and is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the festivities. The most important day is when people light up their homes with oil lamps and candles. This is why it's called the Festival of Lights. People also decorate their homes with colorful Rangoli patterns, which are made by sprinkling colorful powders, rice, sand, or flowers in beautiful designs on the ground. Fireworks and firecrackers also make Diwali exciting. People also exchange gifts, sweets, and cards with their loved ones. Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. It's a time for gratitude and a fresh start.

[CLICK HERE to see India on a map.](#)

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[CLICK HERE to learn more about Diwali.](#)

Rangoli colorful artwork created on the ground to celebrate special occasions





India

India is situated in South Asia, bordered by several countries and bodies of water. To the north, it's protected by the mighty Himalayas, Earth's tallest mountain range, and shares its borders with countries like China, Nepal, and Pakistan. The Indian Ocean surrounds India in the south, offering stunning coastal areas. The Arabian Sea borders India's western coast, while the Bay of Bengal hugs the east coast. The capital of India is New Delhi with a population of over 30 million people.

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Ganesha is a special god in the Hindu religion who has a human body and an elephant head. He's important because people believe he helps them overcome problems and brings good luck. During Diwali, people pray to Ganesha along with a goddess called Lakshmi to make sure they have good fortune and wealth. They also decorate their homes with Ganesha pictures and offer him sweet treats!



Diwali is celebrated with a variety of colorful traditions and customs. Families come together to light lamps, candles, and colorful lanterns to illuminate their homes, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. They exchange gifts and sweets, and there's a lot of delicious food to enjoy. Diwali is a time to seek blessings for a prosperous and joyful year ahead.

Here's a few ways people celebrate...

- Families light candles to symbolize the triumph of good over evil.
- Families exchange gifts and sweets with each other as a sign of love and affection.
- People clean and decorate their homes with colorful rangoli designs made on the floor, flower garlands, and colorful displays.
- Special dishes are prepared and shared. Families wish for abundance & prosperity in the coming year.



Traditions & CELEBRATIONS


Diwali is a festive holiday for people of various backgrounds. On this day, families and friends come together to celebrate. It's a time of joy and togetherness. People often take the day off from work.


The celebration begins by lighting oil lamps and candles, decorating homes, and creating colorful rangoli designs. On this day, families and friends come together to celebrate. It's a time of joy and togetherness. People often take the day off from work.

Another major tradition of Diwali is bursting fireworks and firecrackers, creating a vibrant display of lights and colors in the night sky. After the religious events, families share a festive meal, enjoying special dishes and sweets. It is a time of celebration and reflection, bringing people together in the spirit of Diwali.

[CLICK HERE to learn how families celebrate Diwali.](#)





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Rangoli is a colorful and intricate art form created with colored powders, rice, flower petals, and other materials. It's a special part of Diwali celebrations. People make rangoli designs on the ground in front of their homes to welcome guests and bring good luck. The patterns can be really beautiful and often include geometric shapes, flowers, and even religious symbols. Rangoli represents creativity, hospitality, and the celebration of the Festival of Lights.

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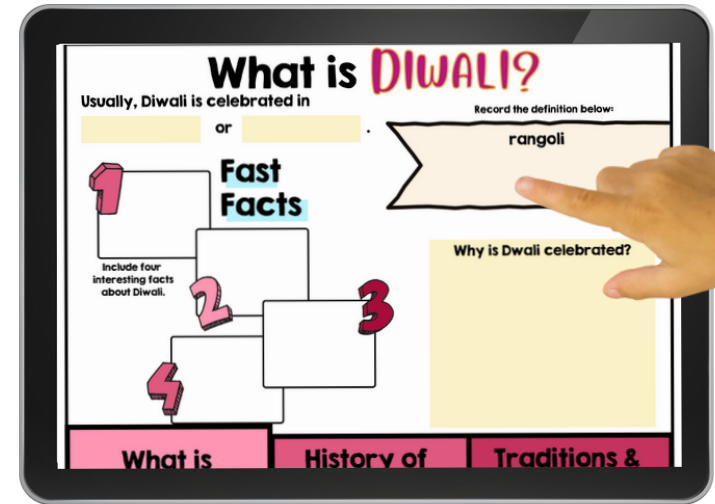
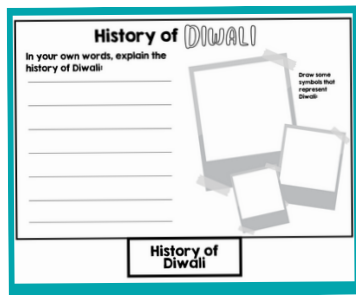
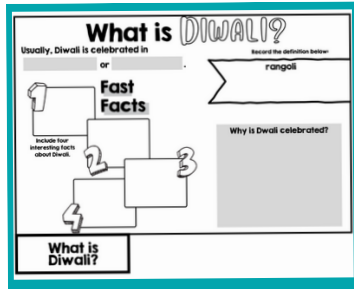
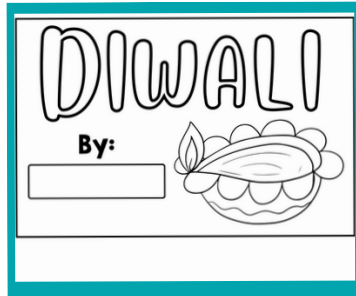


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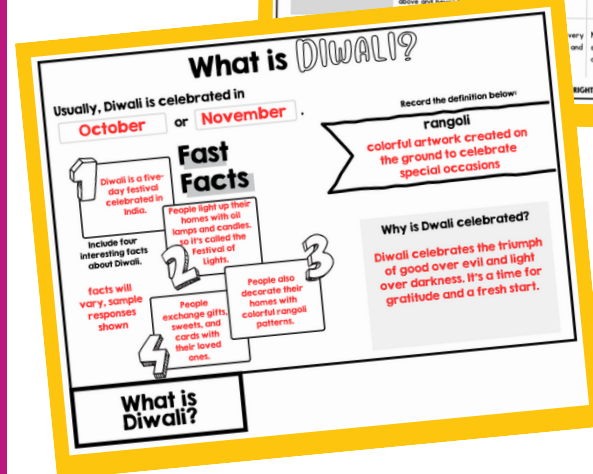
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