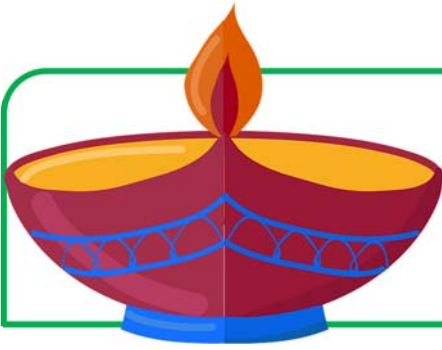


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Artistic Symbols

Directions: Read the short passage about Diwali art. Then, in your own words, write what each symbol represents and why it is important to the celebration.

The Meaning Behind Diwali Art

During Diwali, art and symbols fill homes with color and meaning. The **diya**, a small clay lamp filled with oil, is one of the most well-known images of Diwali. Its flame represents **light defeating darkness** and the victory of **good over evil**. People place rows of diyas in their homes and streets to welcome happiness and hope.

Another powerful Diwali symbol is the **lotus flower**. In Hindu tradition, the lotus is sacred and is often shown with **Goddess Lakshmi**, who brings wealth and purity. The flower blooms beautifully even in muddy water, symbolizing **spiritual growth and beauty rising above challenges**.

1. Diya - What does it symbolize? Why is it important to the celebration?

2. Lotus Flower - What does it symbolize? Why is it important to the celebration?
