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## Artistic Symbols Answer Key

### Sample Responses

- **Diya:** It symbolizes light, hope, and the victory of good over evil. It reminds people to stay positive even during dark times.
- **Lotus Flower:** It stands for purity, strength, and beauty that can grow even in difficult conditions. It also represents the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger students or English learners, provide a word bank with terms like *hope*, *purity*, *goodness*, *growth*, *light*, and *fortune*.
  - For advanced students, ask them to add one more Diwali symbol (like fireworks or rangoli) and explain its meaning.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Display images of diyas and lotus flowers before reading to help students visualize the symbols.
  - Let students design and color their own symbolic Diwali artwork on the back of the worksheet.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Encourage a short class discussion on how art can express beliefs and values.
  - Have students write a short paragraph comparing Diwali symbols to symbols from another celebration, such as candles in Hanukkah or stars during Christmas.