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Light And Legend

Directions: Read the short excerpt inspired by *The Ramayana*. Then explain how the story's message connects to Diwali's moral themes of light, truth, and virtue triumphing over darkness and evil.

Excerpt: The Return of Rama

After years of exile, Prince Rama finally returned to Ayodhya with Sita and Lakshmana. The city glowed with thousands of lamps as the people rejoiced. Rama's victory over the demon king Ravana was not just a battle of strength-it was a victory of **truth over lies, honor over greed, and love over hate**. As the lamps burned bright through the night, the people remembered that light does not simply shine-it reveals what is good and just in the world.

Analysis Questions

1. What moral lesson does Rama's return teach about good and evil?

2. How does the lighting of lamps symbolize more than just celebration?

3. In your own words, explain how this story connects to Diwali's main theme of light conquering darkness.
