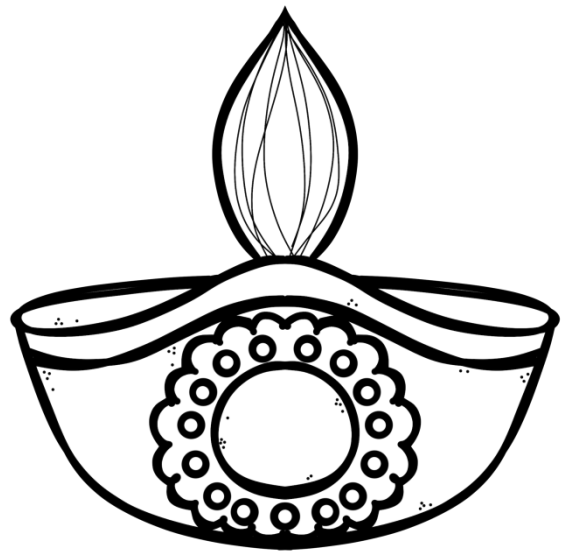


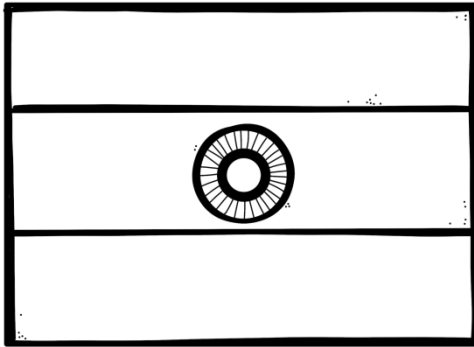


Diwali

The Festival
Of
Lights



Name:



What is one country who
celebrates Diwali?

(What country does this flag
represent?)

Find this country on the map.
Put a star where it is located.



Diwali is a festival celebrated by many Indians. People who are Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs celebrate this festival. The festival is a celebration that marks the victory of good over evil.



The celebration is five days long. On the first day of the festival, it is considered good luck to clean the home and shop for gold. On the second day of the festival, families will decorate their homes with clay lamps and create designs with colored papers or sand. The third day is the main day of the festival. Families will gather for a prayer. The prayer is followed by feasts and fireworks. The fourth day is the first day of the new year. Friends and family will visit each other to exchange gifts. On the final day, brothers will visit their married sisters who will prepare a special meal.

The date of this holiday is based on the Hindu lunar calendar. It occurs during our October or November depending on the position of the moon.



What are some things families
do to prepare for Diwali?



Diwali is also called the



People light small oil lamps and place them around their homes, courtyards and in gardens. The lights symbolize the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

Families gather for feasts and share many sweets to celebrate Diwali. What are two foods that might be eaten during Diwali?



Children will have a holiday from school. They receive presents and have special foods.



At parties children might play dice and card games. They look forward to the fireworks and firecrackers.

While children are sleeping, a Goddess named Lakshmi visits homes. Families will light lamps and leave food for her. Once she eats the food, she will leave presents and sweets.



Everyone will wear new clothes and jewelry to celebrate Diwali.



Diwali is celebrated in many countries.

Can you list countries where it is
celebrated?

