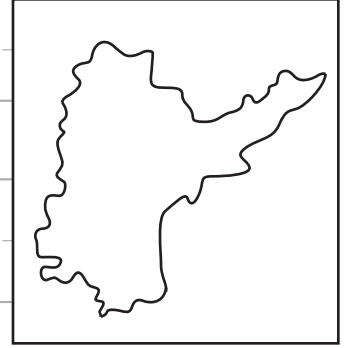
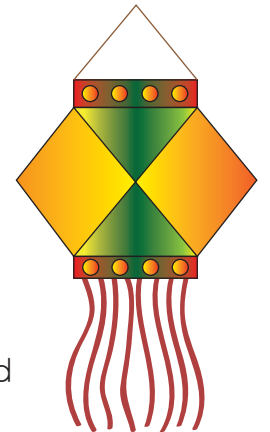


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Diwali - Festival of Lights



The word Diwali comes from “deepavali” which means row of lamps. It was traditionally celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists. Over the years it has become a national festival celebrated by most Indians regardless of faith. They celebrate with family gatherings, lights, lamps outside their houses, fireworks, lanterns, flowers, sweets, and worship to Goddess Lakshmi. They light clay lamps called diyas around their homes to represent the victory of good over evil and to invite good luck and prosperity from the Hindu Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesh, who represent good luck, wealth, and enlightenment.