

DIWALI

READING COMPREHENSION!

Name: _____ **Diwali L1**

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☐ by camping in the forest ☐ with candles, lamps, and fireworks
☐ by painting walls ☐ by going swimming

3) How do people feel about Diwali?

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1) Who did Rama rescue in the story?

- ☐ Lakshmi ☐ Sita
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Diyas

During Diwali, people place small lamps called diyas around their homes. Diyas are made from clay and filled with oil. They glow brightly and show the victory of light over darkness. Many families put them in windows and doorways.

1) What are diyas made from?

- ☐ clay ☐ plastic
☐ paper ☐ wood

2) Where do families often place diyas?

- ☐ in windows and doorways ☐ in the refrigerator
☐ on their beds ☐ inside cars

3) What do diyas show?

- ☐ darkness is stronger than light ☐ the victory of light over darkness
☐ lamps are heavy ☐ oil is better than clay

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Rangoli Designs

Families decorate the floors of their homes with colorful art called rangoli. Rangoli is made using colored powder, sand, rice, or flower petals. These designs welcome guests and bring good luck. The bright patterns make homes look cheerful.

1) What is rangoli made with?

- ☐ colored powder, rice, or flowers ☐ crayons and paper
☐ sticks and rocks ☐ metal and glass

2) What do rangoli designs do?

- ☐ welcome guests and bring good luck ☐ make food taste better
☐ help people sleep ☐ make houses taller

3) How do rangoli patterns look?

- ☐ dark and scary ☐ bright and cheerful
☐ small and hidden ☐ messy and plain

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Fireworks and Sparklers



On Diwali nights, the sky lights up with fireworks. Children often wave sparklers in their hands. Fireworks are a way to celebrate happiness and joy. They make the night sky bright and colorful. The loud booms also make the celebration exciting.

1) What lights up the sky on Diwali nights?

- ☐ balloons ☐ fireworks
☐ clouds ☐ birds

2) What do children often wave during Diwali?

- ☐ sticks ☐ sparklers
☐ flags ☐ umbrellas

3) Why do people use fireworks?

- ☐ to celebrate happiness ☐ to scare animals
☐ to clean the sky ☐ to make noise only

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Sweets and Treats

Families make and share special sweets for Diwali. Some sweets are made with milk, sugar, nuts, and cardamom. Sharing food shows love and kindness. Each family has favorite sweets they enjoy every year.

1) What are some Diwali sweets made from?

- ☐ milk, sugar, nuts, and cardamom ☐ pizza, candy and soda
☐ bread and butter ☐ ice cream and chips

2) Why do families share sweets?

- ☐ to show love and kindness ☐ to win a big contest
☐ to fill their bags ☐ to make their bags

3) What do families often have for Diwali?

- ☐ their favorite books ☐ their favorite sweets
☐ their favorite movies ☐ all of these

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Decorating Homes



Before Diwali, families clean their houses very carefully. They decorate with flowers, lights, and rangoli. A clean, bright home is said to invite good luck and blessings. It also makes the house feel fresh and happy.

1) What do families do before Diwali?

2) What do families use to decorate?

3) Why do people clean their homes?

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Lakshmi



Many people pray to Lakshmi during Diwali. Lakshmi is the goddess of wealth and good fortune. People hope she will bless their homes with happiness and success. Families light lamps to guide her into their homes.

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3) Why do families light lamps for Lakshmi?

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New Clothes



During Diwali, people often wear new clothes. Bright and colorful clothes are chosen to celebrate the holiday. Wearing new clothes shows a fresh start and happiness. It is also fun to dress up for the festival.

1) What do people often wear on Diwali?

2) How do the clothes look?

3) Why do people wear new clothes?

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1) What do families do before Diwali?

- ☐ clean their homes ☐ stay outside
☐ sleep all day ☐ build new houses

2) What do families use to decorate?

- ☐ sand, mud, and clay ☐ flowers, lights, and rangoli
☐ toys and books ☐ shoes and coats

3) Why do people clean their homes?

- ☐ to hide from rain ☐ to play a game
☐ to trick friends ☐ to invite good luck

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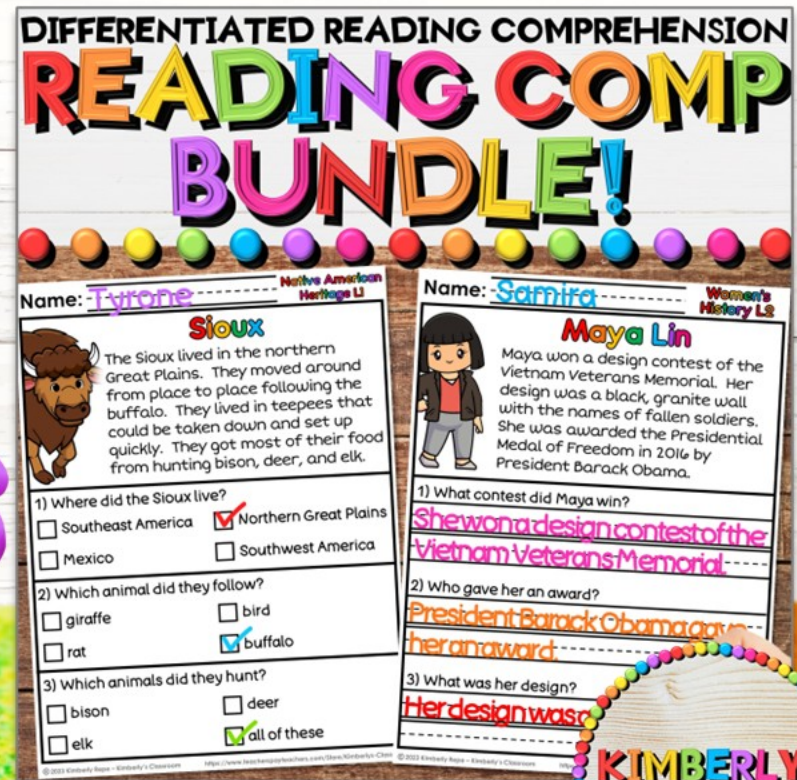
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