



How do Hindus Celebrate Divali?



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Learning Objective:

Learn about how and why Hindus celebrate Divali.

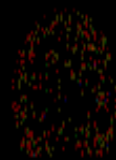


Diwali is also known as the festival of lights. Divas are lit and placed all around homes.

Hindus hope that the Goddess Lakshmi will bring prosperity to their homes.



Indian cities and towns are also decorated with special lights.



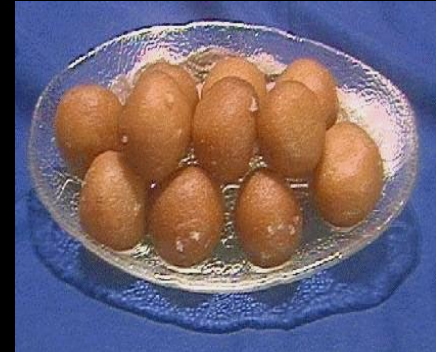


Lakshmi

This is a picture of the Hindu Goddess Lakshmi.

She is the Goddess of wealth and prosperity.

Divali Food



Food is an important part in most celebrations around the world.

During Divali no meat is prepared. Most Hindus are vegetarians.

Also they do not taste the food before it is offered to Lakshmi – the Goddess of Light/ Wealth for her blessings of prosperity.



Guests of the family are invited after 6 o'clock where all can enjoy the delightful food.

After the meal guests are given a bag of Indian sweets as a symbol of friendship and goodwill.

Rangoli Patterns

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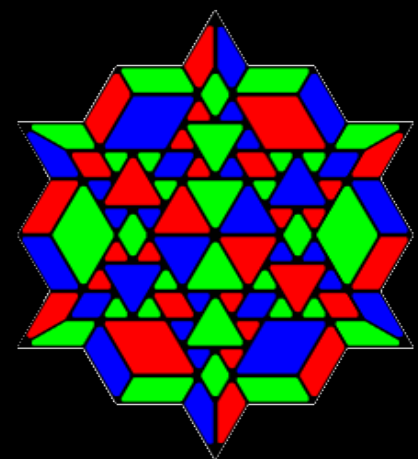
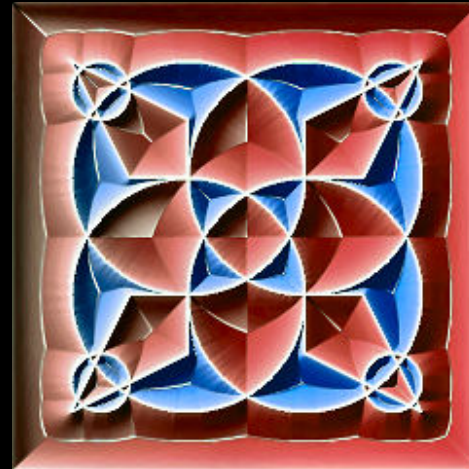
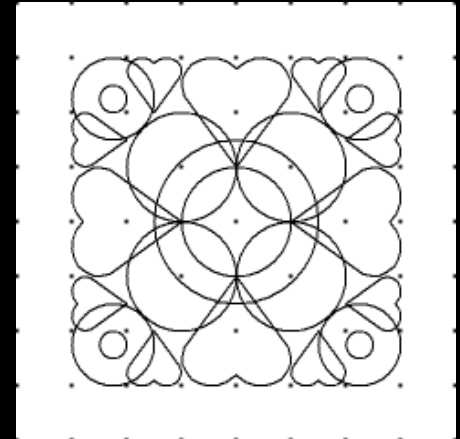
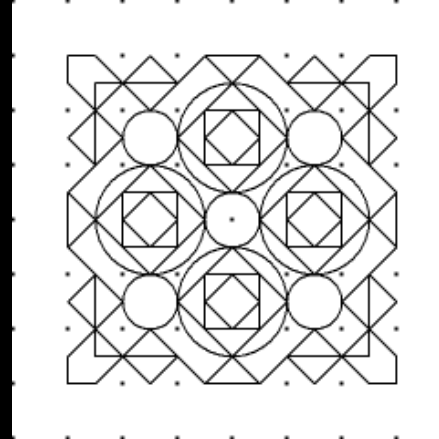
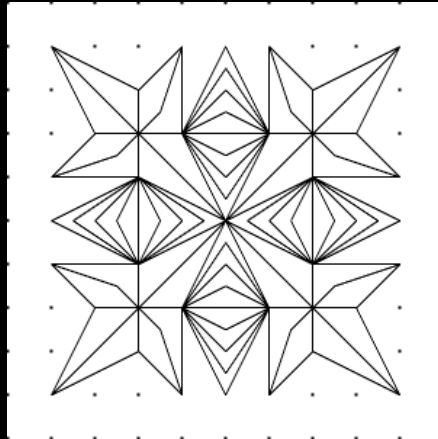
The Hindi name Rangoli, is a joining of two different words - rang and avalli which means a row of colours.

Rangoli is one of the most common art forms in India and can also be used on walls, as well as floors as art.



Most Rangoli are geometrical patterns that include many things such as:

**Lines
Dots
Squares
Circles
Triangles
Footprints
Trees
Flowers
Leaves
Fish
Lotus
Spirals
Animals**



Man Selling Rangoli Ingredients

Rangoli made with petals

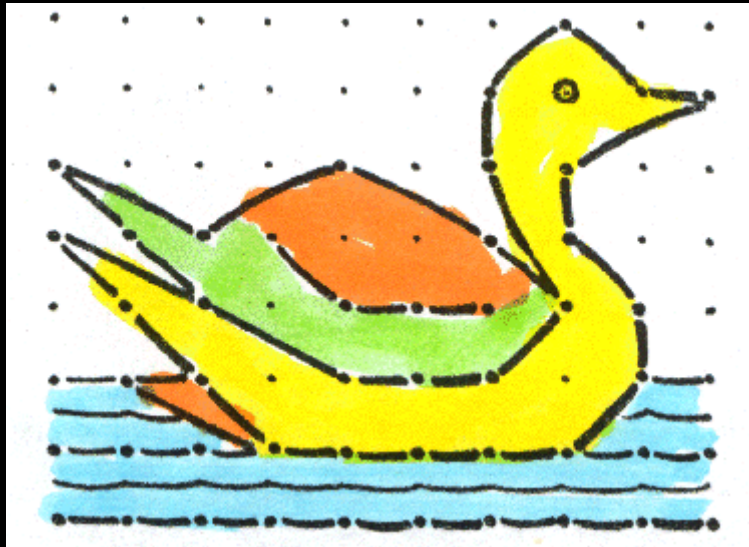


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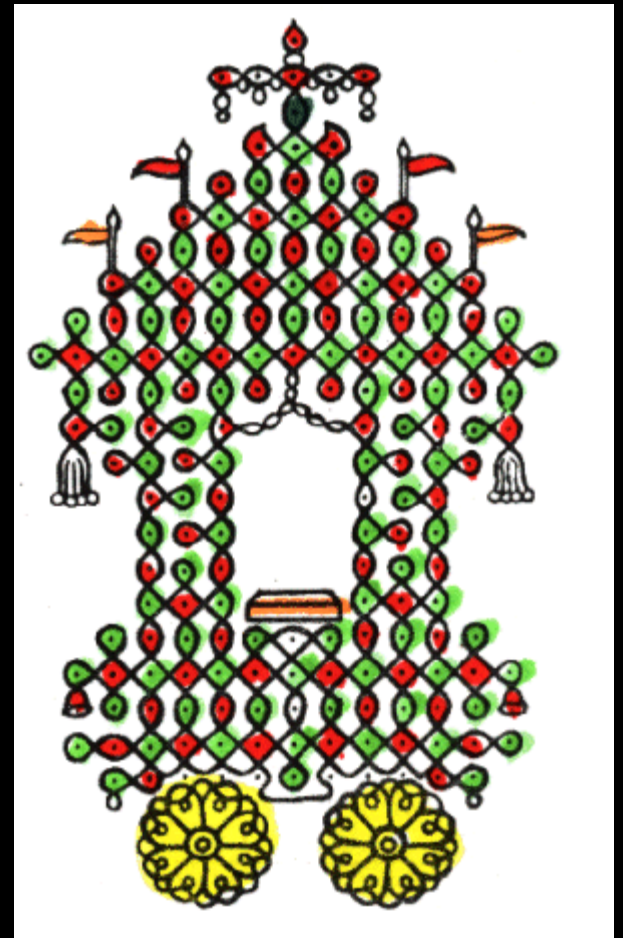


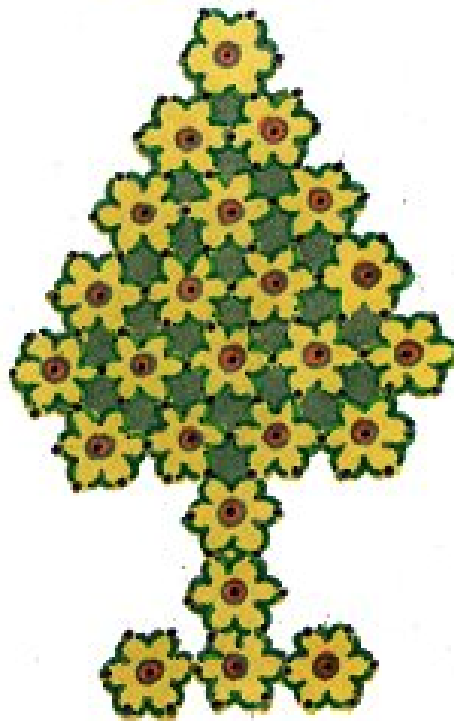
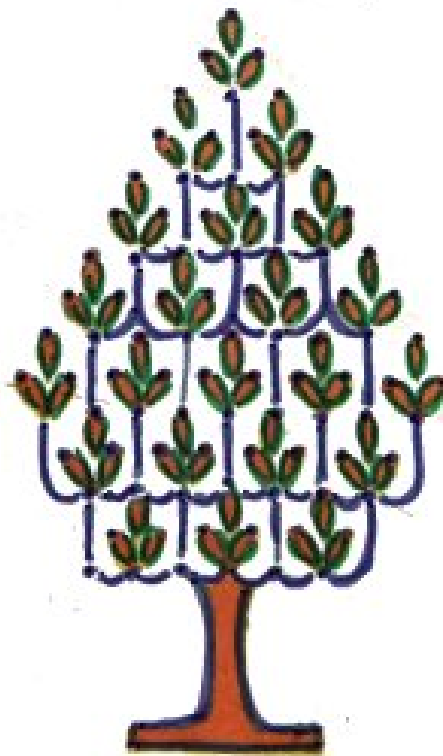
From One Generation to Another
A mother teaches Rangoli to daughter



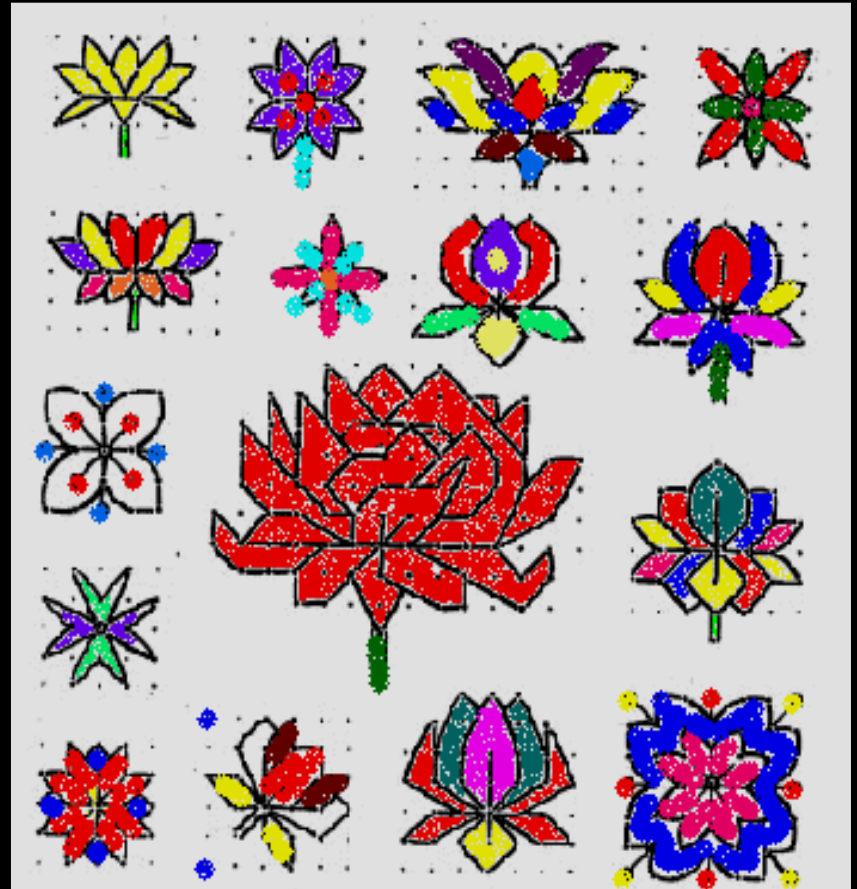
A Duck swimming in a Rangoli Design

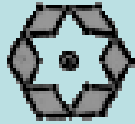
Divine Chariot in a Rangoli Design



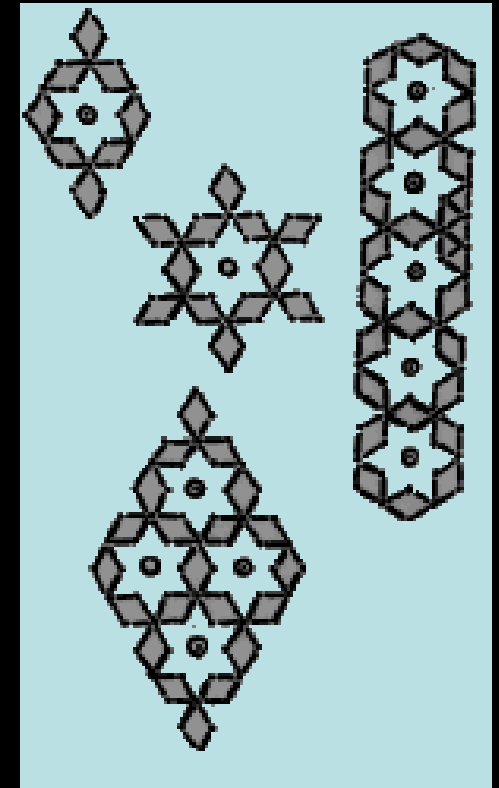
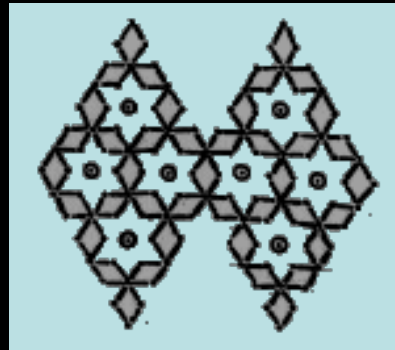
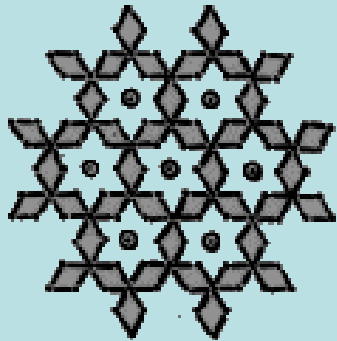


Rang = Colour!

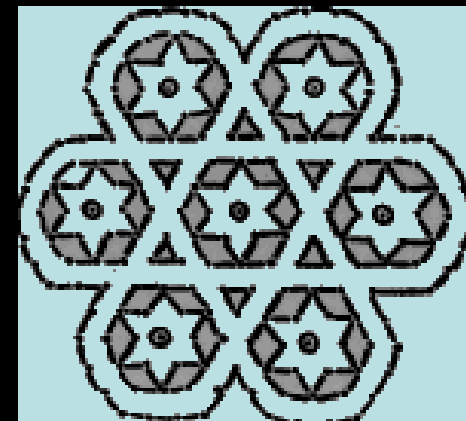




A Rangoli starts with a seed pattern and then builds around it



By repetitive geometric patterns, fabulous designs are obtained by Rangoli artists



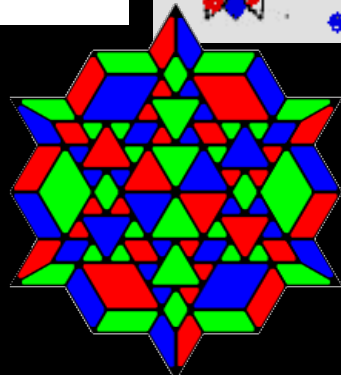
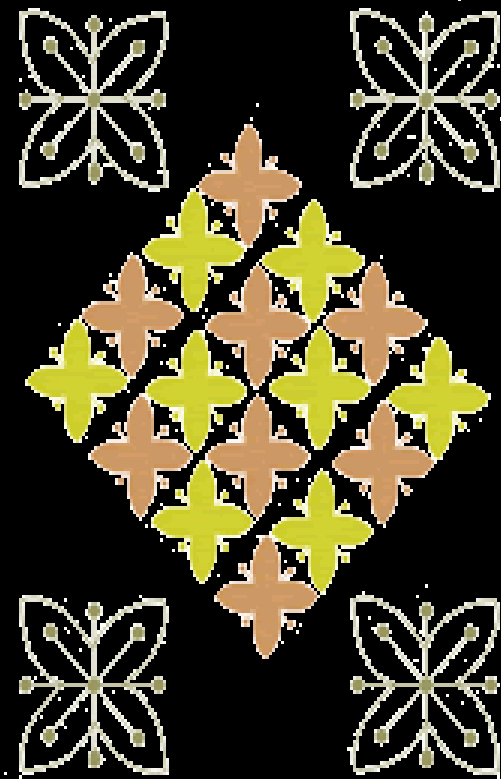
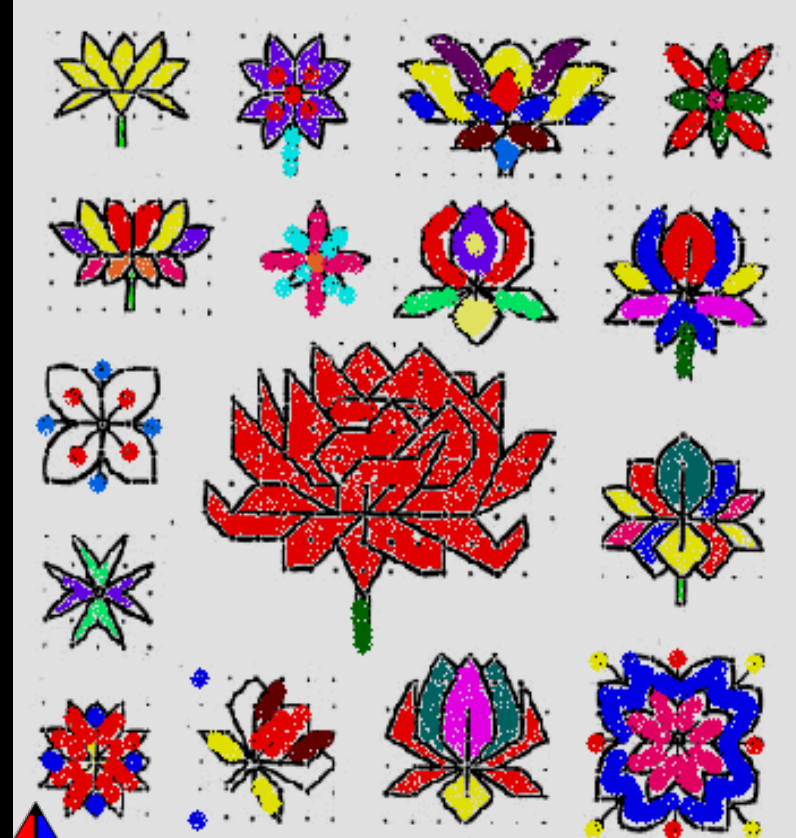
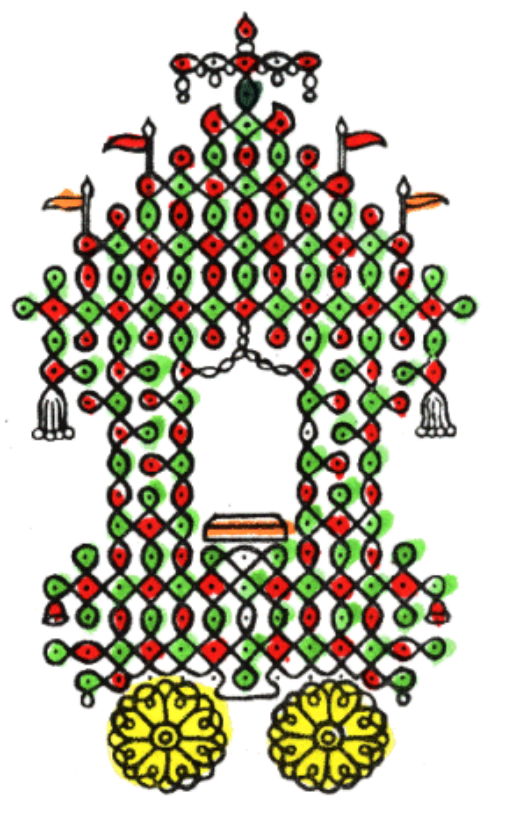
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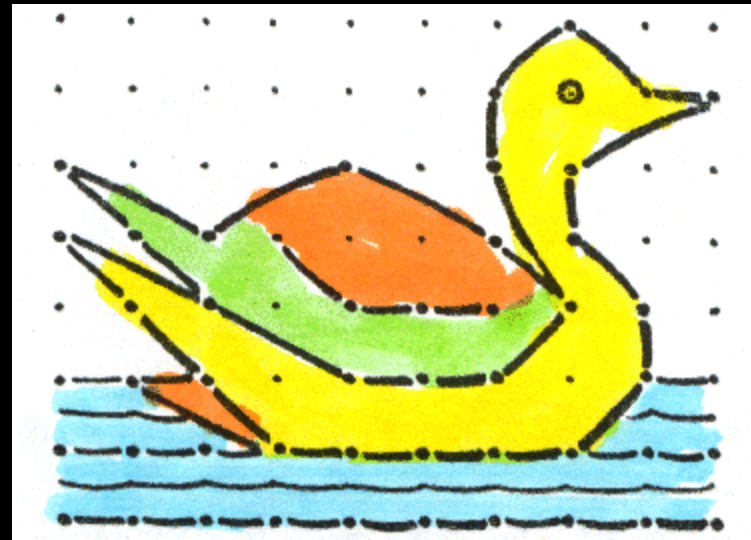
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India spirits row



Task

Design / Create your own Rangoli pattern on squared / spotty paper. Make sure its colourful!



Task:

- 1) Why do Hindus celebrate Divali?
- 2) How do Hindus celebrate Divali?

INCLUDE:

1. Story of Rama & Sita
Vishnu's Victory
Remembering Lakshmi

2. prepare special food
lighting Divas (candles)
Rangoli Patterns
fireworks
inviting guests
singing / dancing

Why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?



Learning Objective:

Examine the different reasons why Hindus celebrate Diwali

Soldier

I celebrate Divali because it reminds me of Rama's victory over Ravanna.

Rama also rescued his wife Sita from the clutches of the evil demon king.

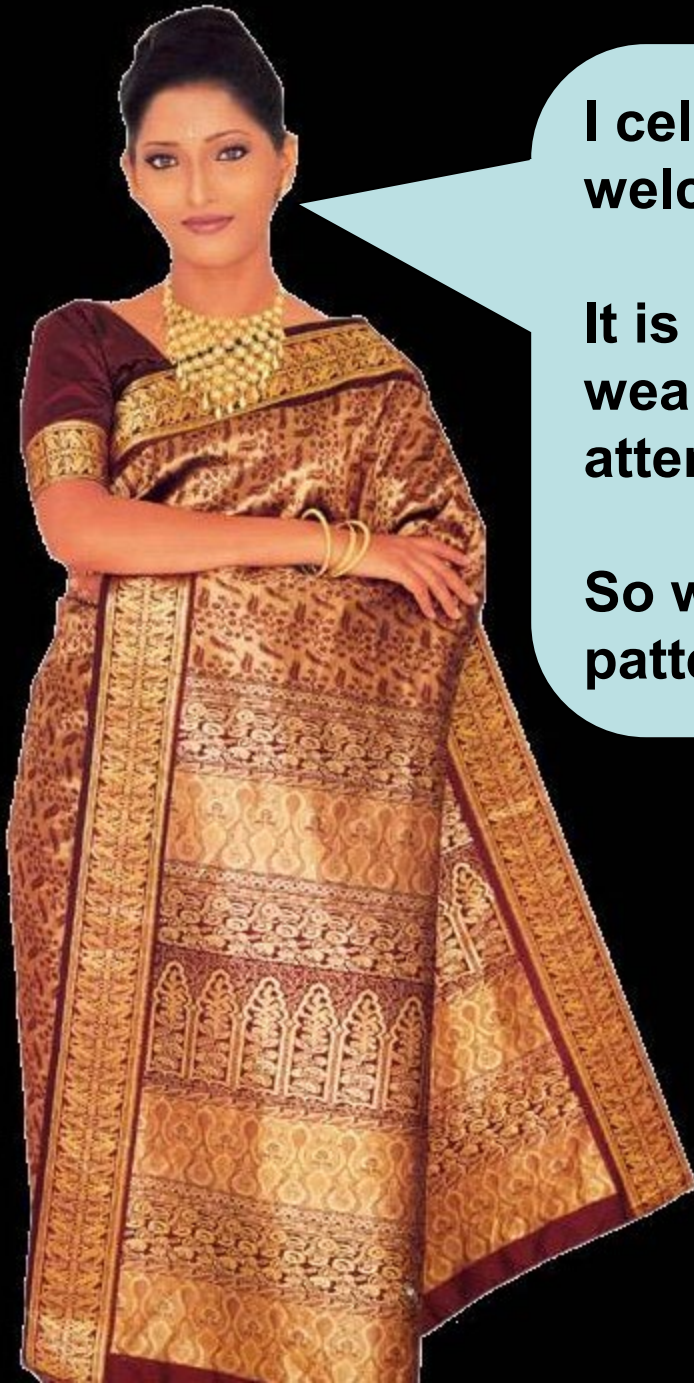




I celebrate Divali because it marks the end of the financial year.

I pay off any debts and offer prayers to Lakshmi who is the Goddess of wealth and prosperity.

Businessman



I celebrate Divali because it is a time to welcome Lakshmi into our homes.

It is her birthday and she gives gifts of wealth and fortune to those who attract her attention.

So we light candles and draw Rangoli patterns .

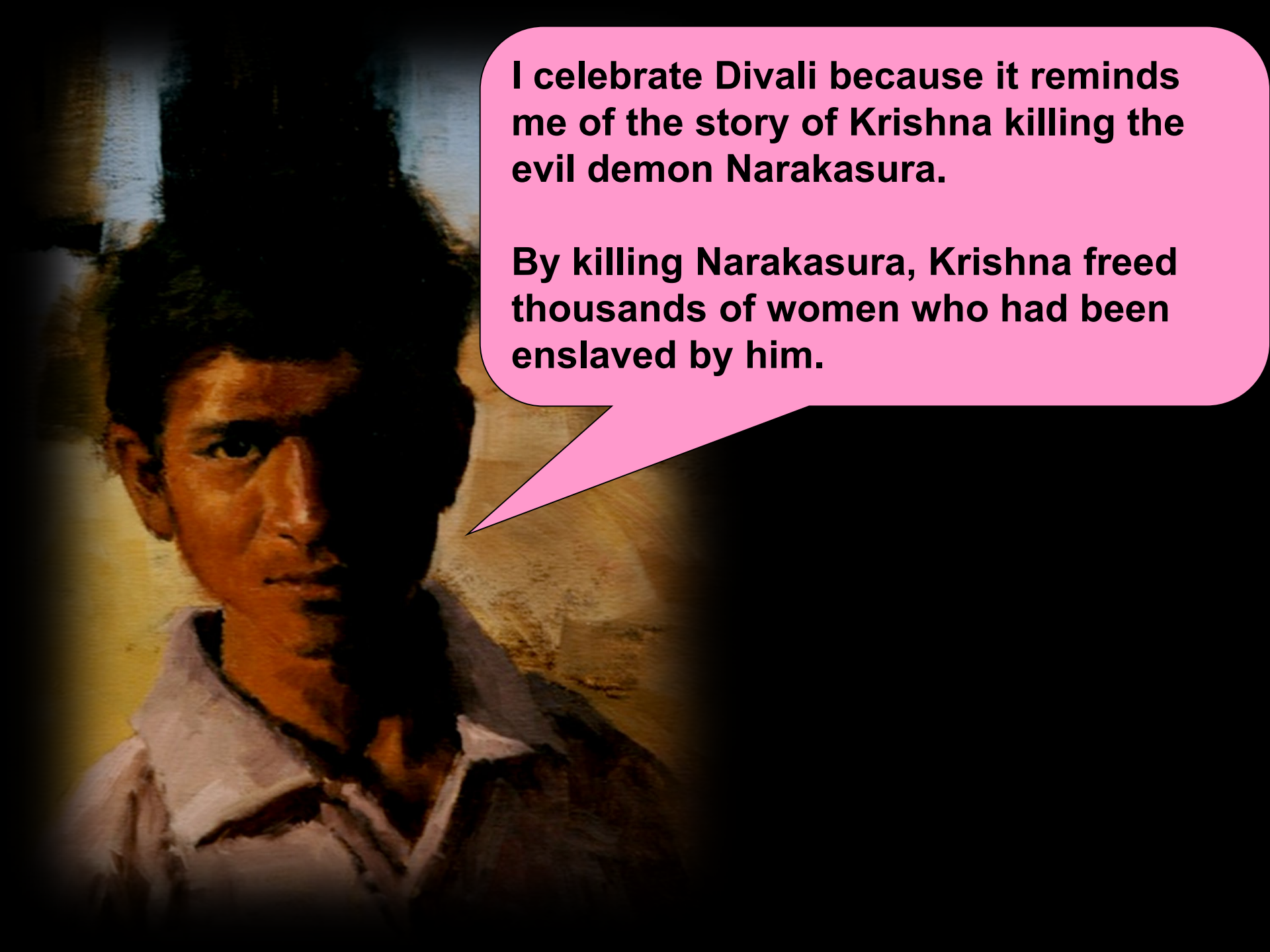
Mother

I celebrate Divali because it marks the harvest at the end of the rainy season.

I offer thanks to God for a good harvest & pray for another good tear next year.

Farmer





I celebrate Divali because it reminds me of the story of Krishna killing the evil demon Narakasura.

By killing Narakasura, Krishna freed thousands of women who had been enslaved by him.

Task:

1. Trace or draw each picture on the sheet
2. Explain why they celebrate the festival of Diwali.

