



Homeschool Lesson Plan

Flavors of India

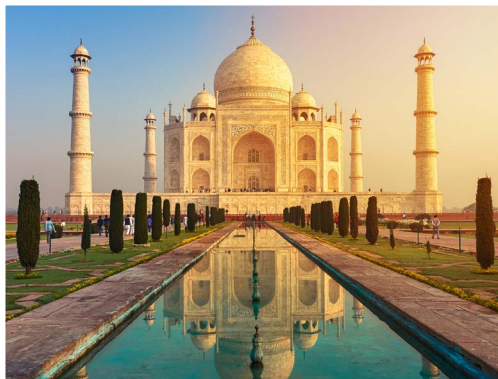


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Intro

Did you know there are parts of India where tigers swim in the same rivers as dolphins, sea turtles, sharks, and crocodiles? No way! This month we're going beyond the flavors of India to explore incredible geography, visit World Heritage Sites, learn about Diwali, and make detailed designs called rangoli. Ready for an adventure? Let's go!





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Math

Beginner:

- Can you count the different types of [Diwali lamps](#)?
- Now let's use our lamps to [count by 3s](#).
- Your future is bright! Circle the number that matches the [amount of lamps](#).

Intermediate:

- Did you know that some countries and cultures follow a different calendar? Let's explore the [Indian Solar Calendar](#).
- Where does the [calendar](#) come from anyway?
- See if you can solve these problems using [Indian money](#) (rupees and paise).

Advanced:

- Why are some holidays on the same day every [year](#) while others, like Diwali, vary?
- Imagine you're traveling around the world, including a stop to India. Let's practice [converting](#) money to different currencies so you can bring home lots of souvenirs.
- If 1 rupee equals 100 paise, can you complete these [conversions](#), followed by your shopping bill?



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Science & Geography

Beginner:

- “Woah, India.” Get ready to sing along with a catchy tune about [India](#).
- India has many different states. See if you can [drag and drop](#) the shapes of each one onto the map.
- Can you name some popular spices used in [Indian cooking](#)? Or one of the most visited sites?

Intermediate:

- There are parts of India where tigers swim in the same rivers as dolphins, sea turtles, sharks, and crocodiles! Let's [explore](#)!
- Now see if you can fill out this [fact sheet](#) about India.
- Mountains, rivers, and deserts! Check out the many [landscapes](#) of India.

Advanced:

- India is made up of 28 states and 8 union territories. Take a look at the [map here](#) and see how many you can remember.
- Pop quiz time! Now see if you can name the states and territories in this [interactive game](#).
- India has many beautiful areas, but what can be done to help with [cleaner air](#)?





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Languages & Literature

Beginner:

- Can you believe there are so many different [languages](#) spoken in India?
- Ready to learn a few words in [Hindi](#)?
- Let's learn all about Diwali as we read this colorful [storybook](#) aloud.

Intermediate:

- See if you can find all the [Indian cities](#) in this word search.
- In this hands-on tutorial, you can practice writing [vowels](#) in Hindi.
- Now let's practice saying, "[Hello, how are you?](#)" in Hindi.

Advanced:

- Can you unscramble the names of these [Indian rivers](#)?
- Are Indian [languages](#) hard to learn?
- Namaste. Let's take a lesson in [Hindi](#) to learn common phrases.

Writing prompt:

- During Diwali, people wish for prosperity and good fortune in the new year. Write about a time when you experienced good luck.



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History & Culture

Beginner:

- Have you ever heard of Diwali, the [Festival of Lights](#)?
- Did you know [yoga](#) comes from India? Let's practice a few moves.
- Are you hungry yet? Check out these yummy [Indian dishes](#).

Intermediate:

- Large feasts and fireworks! Let's learn more about [Diwali](#).
- But how did Diwali get [started](#)?
- The word [yoga](#) means "union" in the ancient Sanskrit language of India, but what is yoga anyway?

Advanced:

- In the Hindu religion, do you know what animal is considered [sacred](#)?
- Do you know what the most iconic [landmark](#) is in India?
- You may have heard of guitar, but have you heard of a [sitar](#)?

Creative Exercise

Imagine you are going to a Diwali celebration and you need to make an invitation for a friend. What will you put on your invitation?



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Arts & Crafts

Beginner:

- Diwali is celebrated with colorful clay lamps. Let's practice [tracing and coloring](#) one.
- Follow along to make beautiful paper [diya](#) for Diwali.
- Give paper quilling a try and make a beautiful [rangoli](#).

Intermediate:

- With the help of an adult, you can make your own [Diwali lamp](#)!
- Add pops of color with these vibrant Diwali [decorations](#).
- People also decorate with elaborate designs called [rangoli](#).

Advanced:

- Light up the night with these DIY [paper lanterns](#) for Diwali.
- The lotus flower is represented in many Diwali celebrations, including these vibrant [tea candle holders](#).
- Grab your colored pencils and follow along to draw an intricate [Diwali design](#).





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Field Trips

- Let's take a closer look at India's most celebrated landmark, the [Taj Mahal](#).
- What other amazing places can we see in [India](#)?
- Farming in India is not always easy, but check out these [farmers](#) who are learning to use natural practices to feed the community.

