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**Symbolism Practice**

1. Cindy stared out the broken window at the dark, gloomy clouds as her finger traced a single raindrop making its way down the glass. She was thinking about the argument she had with her boyfriend Mike which caused them to break up.

List all the symbols in the above story.

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| Symbol | Abstract idea it stands for |
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2. I stood in the park waiting for my first date since breaking up with my boyfriend of five years. The smell of spring was in the air. The roses were blooming red. Storm clouds were clearing overhead and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

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3. The old teacher sat on a park bench. He was reflecting on a great career while watching the sunset. An owl hooted overhead.

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4. Frank was leaning against a brick wall after another unsuccessful interview. He had been trying to find a job for months.

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| Symbol | Abstract idea it stands for |
| Brick Wall |  |

5. In the dead of winter, a robber entered a jewelry store wearing a thick jacket. He had the eyes of a snake.

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6. Jimmy always wore his striped tie to interviews.

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| Symbol | Abstract idea it stands for |
| Tie |  |

1. The sun was shining brightly as the young child skipped through the meadow of daisies.  The child’s white sundress blended in almost perfectly with the flowers around her. She continued on skipping only coming to a stop when she heard a strange noise in close proximity. Heart pounding the girl pushed aside a bouquet of flowers and then let out a peal of laughter when she discovered that the thing that caused her momentary concern was a snow white lamb.

**What objects were used to symbolize innocence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2. Amanda flung herself onto her bed as tears dripped down her face. She always thought that she and Ben would be together forever. That was until Ben dropped the bombshell of information on her earlier that day about having feelings for someone else. Amanda turned over onto her side and through her watery eyes she saw the roses that Ben had sent her for her birthday the week before. When she first received them they had been a brilliant red but now they were dulling in color and withered. As she watched a single petal untangled itself from the bouquet and fell to the floor.

**What did the flowers symbolize when Amanda first received them and what did they symbolize at the end? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3. Lena struggled with the wrapping paper on the small box as her best friend Sam looked on. Sam’s impatience got the best of her and she grabbed the box out of Lena’s hands and opened the box for her. Nestled inside of the box on a bed of tissue paper was an intricately braided bracelet. Lena looked up and said, “Oh, Sam, it is so pretty! Thank you so much!” Sam blushed with happiness and said, “I made it myself and, look, I am wearing one just like it so when we are apart at college next year we can remember each other.”

**What does the bracelet symbolize?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

4. Tibby ran away from her assailant, her heart pumping faster than any heart should be able to. She skidded to a halt when she came to a fork in the road barely hesitating before choosing the pathway to her right, not noticing the dead end sign hidden behind overgrown shrubbery. When she came to the end of the dark alley with nowhere else to run Tibby let out a scream of frustration. Within a minute the perpetrator caught up to her. She could see his blood red eyes burning into her and his sharp teeth glinting in the moonlight. The last thing Tibby heard was the sound of a crow circling above.

**What objects were used to symbolize danger/evil?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**