**Symbolism Definition:**

* A symbol is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that comes to represent an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* A symbol is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Universal Symbols:**

* There are some universal symbols that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ show up in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It is important that you are able to identify them because they will help you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Can you guess what the following animals symbolize?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Lion
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| 1. Dove
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| 1. Fox
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| 1. Owl
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| 1. Snake
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Example from Hunger Games:

•Although we haven’t gotten to meet or know her yet, one character in Hunger Games is Foxface. What characteristics do you think Foxface will have given what her name symbolizes?

Sometimes natural phenomena can be used as symbols. Can you guess what the following symbolize?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Night
 |  |
| 1. Sunrise
 |  |
| 1. Sunset
 |  |
| 1. Spring
 |  |
| 1. Fall
 |  |
| 1. Winter
 |  |
| 1. Summer
 |  |
| 1. Rain
 |  |
| 1. Storms
 |  |
| 1. Water
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Example from Hunger Games: Katniss will be referred to as “the girl on fire.” What does Suzanne Collins reveal about Katniss’ character by using this symbolic name?

Colors also serve as symbols. Can you guess what the following colors symbolize?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. White/Light
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| 1. Black/Dark
 |  |
| 1. Red
 |  |
| 1. Purple
 |  |
| 1. Gold
 |  |
| 1. Green
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Example from Snow White

* Snow White’s name symbolizes that she is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The queen, disguised as an old peasant woman wears black to symbolize that she is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**In addition to universal symbols, there are also book specific symbols in literature.**

* With the second type of symbols, an object is takes on a particular meaning because of its importance in the story. These symbols often revel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so it is important to be looking for them!

 Book specific example from Unwind:

* The graveyard becomes a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Book specific examples from Little Red Riding Hood:

* Little Red is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The wolf is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The woodcutter is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**\*\*\*\*\*We have to be careful not to confuse symbols and examples!!** Symbols are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Freedom—Symbol v.s. example**

Example: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Symbol: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Courage—Symbol v.s. example**

Example: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Symbol: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_