

Symbols

A symbol is the use of an object to represent an abstract idea. Many literary symbols have a previously agreed upon meaning.

A symbol can appear in literature in a number of ways to suggest a number of different things. Most commonly, a symbol will present itself in the form of

- a word
- a figure of speech
- an event
- a total action
- a character

Match each symbol with its meaning.



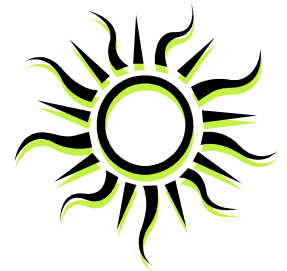
I. Colours

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|-----|----------|---------------------------|
| ___ | 1. red | a. cold, death, evil |
| ___ | 2. black | b. inexperience, new life |
| ___ | 3. white | c. blood, passion, danger |
| ___ | 4. green | d. innocence, life, light |
| ___ | 5. blue | e. cool, calm, peaceful |

II. Nature

A. Seasons

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|-----|-----------|-------------------------------|
| ___ | 1. spring | a. maturity, knowledge |
| ___ | 2. summer | b. death, sleep |
| ___ | 3. autumn | c. birth, new beginning |
| ___ | 4. winter | d. nearing death, growing old |



B. Weather

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|-----|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ | 1. snow | a. the voice of God or gods |
| ___ | 2. rain | b. sadness, new life |
| ___ | 3. wind / storms | c. blanket which covers something |
| ___ | 4. thunder | d. violent emotions |

C. Landscape

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|-----|-------------|------------------------------------|
| ___ | 1. mountain | a. life, heat, masculine symbol |
| ___ | 2. water | b. stability, safety |
| ___ | 3. moon | c. rebirth |
| ___ | 4. sun | d. changing shape, feminine symbol |

III. Animals

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|-----|----------|-------------------------|
| ___ | 1. lamb | a. shyness |
| ___ | 2. fox | b. evil |
| ___ | 3. mouse | c. cleverness |
| ___ | 4. lion | d. spring, child of God |
| ___ | 5. snake | e. power |

