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Symbolism: A concrete, object, person, place, or experience that is used to stand for something else. Writers use symbolism to deepen the meaning of their writing. A symbol has significance beyond itself; it has both literal and figurative meaning.

Literal meaning: The object, thing, or person as it is described. The object as it appears in real life, without any meaning attached to it.

Figurative Meaning: The deeper meaning that an object develops through clues and literary analysis. The following are clues that point to symbolism:

- Repetition
- Detailed descriptions
- Use of color
- Mood when symbol is used
- Study of symbols through history and cultures
- Connections to characters, plot, or theme
- Meaning established by writer or character

Title of Work:		Author:		
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