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Word of the Week

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READ IT

Symbolism



DEFINE IT

1. A symbol is something which stands for, or represents, something else; so symbolism is the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.

2. A literary device that uses symbols (such as words, people, locations or abstract ideas) to represent something more than the literal meaning.



DRAW IT



USE IT

1. Red objects are used as symbolism in many films and can represent love or danger.

2. There was great symbolism in the use of light and dark to represent the main character's redemption.



LINK IT

comparison, representation, emblem, metaphor, allegory.



DE-CONSTRUCT IT

Symbol+ism from the Late Latin *symbolum*, meaning creed, summary, religious belief.



DIGGING DEEPER

In drama, symbols can be used to deepen the meaning and remind the audience of the themes or issues. A prop often has a particular significance which the audience will instantly recognise when used symbolically in a play. An example of a symbol would be a snake, which is often used to represent evil and/or treachery.

Symbolism is a type of art and literature developed in the late 19th century that tries to express ideas or states of mind rather than represent the real world, using the power of words and images.