

Symbols and motifs

These are some well known symbols or motifs. Through brainstorming and research find out what they may stand for. Explore any others if you wish.

<i>Symbol / motif</i>	<i>Symbolic of / Metaphor for</i>
dove	_____
olive branch	_____
white flag	_____
white feather	_____
heart shape	_____
an eagle	_____
your school's colours	_____

Now have a look at some of the metaphors or symbols in the book. Are there elements of the pictures that can be taken as being symbolic of something? Are there objects / motifs that create metaphor for something other than which is specifically portrayed?

black line drawings	_____
shadows	_____
the two blue apples on page reference 'whoever lived there ...'	_____
the food in the dining room	_____

Add others to the list (use the back of this sheet).

Can you think of any objects in your life which may be a metaphor or symbol for an achievement, a dream, a need, a fear, a feeling, a ...?
