

# Symbolism

A symbol is something that represents something else

# What can be a symbol?

- An object
- Picture
- Written word
- Sound
- Numerals
- Language



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Apple



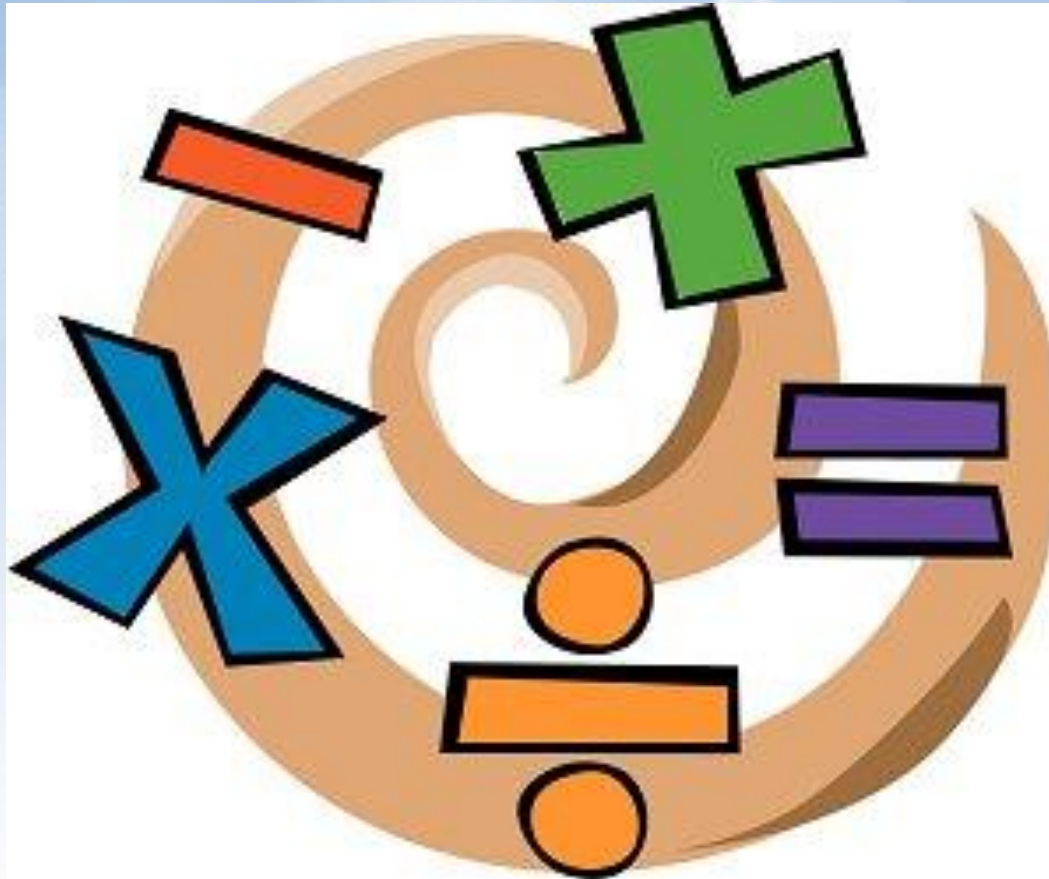
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I, II, III, IV, V

# Religious Symbols



# Mathematical Symbols



# Political Symbols

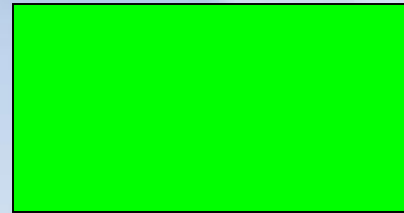
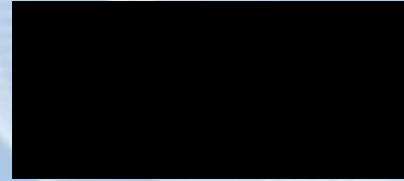
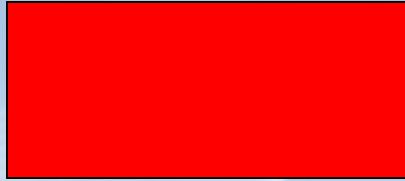


**Maple Leaf** = All things Canadian

**Red Bars** = Pacific and Atlantic Ocean  
(surrounding Canada)

**Red Bars also** = English and French influences

# Color Symbolism



# Symbolism in Writing

- Symbolism is used to provide meaning to the writing beyond what is actually being described
- Plot and action are one level in the story, symbolism is another level

# Symbolism in Writing

- The theme is represented on a physical level
- **Example:** A storm occurring when there is a conflict or high emotions
- **Example:** Transition from day to night might = move from goodness to evil



# Examples from Literature

## *Lord of the Flies*

Ralph with his conch shell represents order and democracy, while Jack symbolizes savagery and anarchy. The island itself symbolizes the world in which we live, and the actions of the characters are symbolic of the way people conduct their lives

# Examples from Literature

## *Harry Potter*

Could be seen as containing a lot of symbolism, although there are as many interpretations as there are creatures in the books. One clear symbol is a commonly used one—the use of the snake to represent evil. It is no coincidence that the symbol of Slytherin House is a serpent.

The ring is a major symbol in the story “The Ring.” Explain what it symbolizes in general, then explain what it symbolizes to Lise. Next, explain how the ring (and her surrender of it) represents a change in Lise and her view of marriage.

Provide at least **TWO** direct quotes for support with the appropriate page number.