

Common Symbols and Meanings

A symbol is a concrete object representing an abstract idea. Symbols get their meanings from actual traits that the literal object possesses.

Concrete / Literal Object	Abstract Idea
Ant	Hard worker
Donkey	Stubborn
Owl	Wisdom
Dog	Loyalty
Caterpillar / Butterfly	Transformation
Dove	Peace
Olive branch	Peace
Snake	Evil
Rose	Beauty
Yellow rose	Peace
Wind	Change
Rain	Sadness, growth, new beginning
Pink	Naïve, sweetness
Blue	Tranquility, water, depression
Green	Nature, environment, hope, new life, jealousy
Red	Intense emotion, passion, anger
Purple	Royalty, sophistication
Yellow	Happiness, cowardice, peace
Fire	Trial, new beginning
Lighthouse / Flashlight / Candle	Hope, help
Scale	Justice
Flag	Patriotism, pride, freedom
Train, car, plane	Journey