

## Symbolism Worksheet

Fill in the chart below, identifying two different symbols that could be used as shorthand for the concept in the far left column. Which of the two resonates more with you? Circle it and write the reason in the far right column.

	Symbol 1	Symbol 2	Reason More Powerful
Fear			
Death			
Paradise			
Anger			
Reconciliation			
Love			
Peace			
Heartbreak			
Life			
Shame			
Youth			
Beauty			
The Way Home			
The Common Man			

Choose one or two symbols to include in your story. Explore how these have been used in other pieces of literature. This will inform how you use them, to either reinforce the expected meaning of the symbol or to create something unique. Consider:

How does this symbol relate to your theme?

How can the meaning of this symbol change subtly as your story progresses?

What is the real-world history of the symbol?

What cultural references does this symbol bring to mind?

What are some other possible meanings for this symbol?