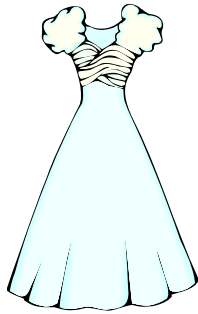


## Examples of Symbolism



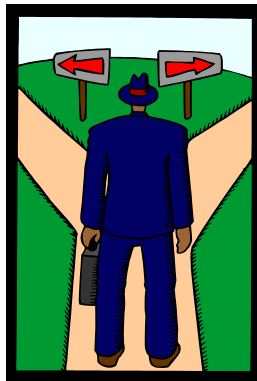
Black generally means death.



White means purity or newness.  
However, in Asian societies, white is  
symbolic of death.



A lion can be symbolic of courage.



A voyage or journey can be symbolic of  
life.

# How can we know if a poet is using symbolism?

- Γ The poet may use accepted forms of symbolism.
- Γ The poet may use comparison to make the symbolism stand out.
- Γ The poet may give enough clues in the poem for people to understand their symbolism.
- Γ But, in some poems, the symbolism can be subjective because every one interprets things differently. What the writer writes may impact me a certain way because of my understanding of things.



# Symbolism

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## The Two Sides of Me

Color can be used to symbolize sides of your personality.

1. Think about yourself. Generally we have two sides to our personality. There's the outside and the inside.
2. If you had to suggest a color for your outside, what would it be? Don't make it something simple like "yellow." What adjectives can you use to describe the yellow? Sunny, daffodil, mustard? Is the yellow solid, or does it have stripes of a mellow gold through it? For additional inspiration, use colored pencils to depict your choice or just write your answer.
3. Do the same for your inside color. Again, for inspiration, use colored pencils to draw your choice or just write your choice.

Inside Color	Outside Color

## The Journey

Remember that a journey or voyage can be symbolic of life.

1. Think about what kind of journey your life is taking. Is it rocky? Smooth? Are there bumps in the road? Is it a journey over water? Are you traveling by boat, car, camel, or pogo stick? Think about what your transportation could say about your journey. What would a pogo stick be? (up and down, up and down) Are you traveling towards something or away from something?
2. Now, brainstorm some ideas about your life.
3. My life is (Fill in how you feel your life is right now. Smooth, rocky, etc.)

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4. Now, think about what kind of journey you could compare your life to. What would your method of transportation be?

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# Recap for Symbolism

1. Write at least one way we know that a writer is using symbolism.

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2. What are some accepted forms of symbolism?

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3. What did the writer Robert Frost mean in the poem "The Road Not Taken"?

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