**What is a Symbol?**

A thing that represents or stands for something else.

**Symbolism**  Draw a line matching each symbol below with its meaning.

   

heart skull & crossbones light bulb star

 

rainbow dove

  

apple horseshoe triangle of arrows red cross

**danger**

**good luck**

**help**

**hope**

**idea**

**love**

**peace**

**recycle**

**knowledge**

Choose 6 of these symbols and explain what they mean by completing the sentences below.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a symbol for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a symbol for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a symbol for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Symbols in My Life**

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| **Concept** | **Symbol/Analogy** | **My Experience** | **Generalization** |
| **knowledge** | j0344872  Eve ate the apple from the tree of knowledge | Teaching is often represented by an apple | Knowledge can be valuable and dangerous |
| **love** | Love is food for the heart | I feel wonderful when I know I am loved by someone | Everyone needs love |
| **happiness** |  |  |  |
| **wisdom** |  |  |  |
| **courage** |  |  |  |
| **friendship** |  |  |  |
| **health** |  |  |  |

**The Giver - Symbols**

**Part A: Identify Symbols.** DIRECTIONS: Think about the chapters that you have read and fill out the chart in pairs.

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| **The Giver - Symbol 1** | |
| **Symbol**  **Who or What?** | Apple |
| **What it stands for?** | The apple is a symbol for “shame”. |
| **Where & When does it appear in the story?** | This symbol first appears in Chapter 3.  Clues to this meaning are apparent on page 23. |
| **Why & How is this a symbol?** | Jonas is anonymously reprimanded by a public announcement for “hoarding” the apple. This was humiliating for Jonas.  Another explanation for this goes all the way back to the story of Adam and Eve. The author only gives her readers a hint of the biblical **allusion**. In the Genesis story, Adam and Eve ate an apple from the tree of infinite wisdom. This displeased God, so He took away their paradise (their perfect world). For the first time, Adam and Eve realized that they were naked in the Garden of Eden and felt **ashamed.** |
| **The Giver - Symbol 2** | |
| **Symbol**  **Who or What?** | Girls Hair Ribbons |
| **What it stands for?** |  |
| **Where & When does it appear in the story?** |  |
| **Why & How is this a symbol?** |  |

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| **The Giver - Symbol 3** | |
| **Symbol**  **Who or What?** |  |
| **What it stands for?** |  |
| **Where & When does it appear in the story?** |  |
| **Why & How is this a symbol?** |  |

**Part B: Your own Symbol**

After you finish the chart use the back of the sheet to create a symbol for yourself, your life, or your motto.

Explain why this symbol stands for you in a well-written paragraph. Please make note that you will be graded on originality/creativity, effort (shown through your writing and artwork), and quality of writing.