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**Symbolism**

A symbol is a word or image that represents something else. The eagle is a symbol of the United States. The dove is a symbol of peace. The balanced scale is a symbol of justice. Poets find the symbol a useful device, because the symbol usually carries with it a strong emotional impact. For example, the symbol of the cross will usually create a stronger emotional response than the word “Christianity.”

**Part I.** Write down what the following things symbolize.

What does the color white symbolize?

What does cupid symbolize?

Can you find the symbol in a line from Emerson’s “The Concord Hymn”? What does it represent?

**Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled…**

**Part II.** New symbols are formed all the time. Can you make up some original symbols for each of these ideas?

Idea

Beauty

Wisdom

Love

Evil

You

**Part III.** Now choose a symbol and write a couplet on that symbol.