

# EQ What is symbolism?

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## CONCRETE

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## ABSTRACT

- real or solid
- actual physical or specific objects
- can be seen or touched

Ex:

- desk
- Ms. Norris
- pencil
- mountain

- general ideas
- not physical things or objects
- cannot be seen or touched

Ex:

- love
- hope
- friendship
- knowledge

**Symbolism** - a person, place or thing that suggests a meaning beyond its literal sense

a CONCRETE object that represents an abstract idea

Examples

dove  
heart  
skull and  
crossbones

represents  
represents  
represents

peace  
love  
death