## Topic: Symbolism

**Directions to students:** In this unit, you will learn about symbolism while working on your writing and speaking skills. Use the Web site URLs provided to complete the tasks that follow.

### Task 1: Understand symbolism.

URL: <https://goo.gl/2XXvRD>

View the slideshow. For each numbered slide, enter the symbol and your idea(s) about what the symbol means. Bring this paper to class to compare your answers with your classmates. Pay attention to the homework assignment notice at the end of the slideshow.

Symbol What it means

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3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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Write the definition of symbolism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Task 2: Listen, watch, and learn about some common national symbols of the United States.

YouTube Video URL <https://youtu.be/hNN_y364FIs>

Watch the video and fill in the missing information in the chart:

**Top 10 Symbols of America:**

| **Number** | **What it is…** | **Facts & Details** |
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| **10** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sign | Originally spelled out: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  On Mount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Created in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Was intended to advertise  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **9** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bridge | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles  Located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Connects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Has been used since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Represents American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **8** | New York \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Emblem of America’s favorite sport =  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **7** | Mount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_-foot tall carvings of 4 presidents:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Completed in year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **6** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Represents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **5** | Uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Originated in the War of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Reached popularity in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **4** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Buildings | 1.9-mile National Mall includes  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Building  & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **3** | The Bald \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Found on numerous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ representations of the country including the Great Seal and the Seal of the President  Good choice because eagle = long life, great demeanor, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **2** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Gift to USA from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Has existed since year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Has a poem that reminds citizens of USA commitment to people from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **1** | The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 13 stripes stand for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Stars represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Also known as “Old \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”  Reminds Americans of the sacrifices made in the name of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Honorable Mentions: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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### Task 3: Expand your vocabulary.

URLs: <http://www.snappywords.com> and <http://www.thesaurus.com>

Write down three or more words that are synonyms for the noun “symbol.”

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Write down three or more words that are synonyms for the verb "symbolize."

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### Task 4: National Symbols Project: Paragraph and digitized presentation.

A symbol of a place may be an animal, a flag, or a monument, among other things. For example, a symbol of the United States is the bald eagle. A symbol of the state of California is the Golden Gate Bridge. A symbol of Oceanside is the pier.

For this project, you will write a paragraph about the symbols of a country, state, or city/town of your choice. You will then use your paragraph to create a narrated slideshow or video.

### Paragraph Preparation.

1. Choose your place. Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where is it located? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did you choose this place? What is the relevance of this place for you personally (For example, did you grow up there? Were you born there? Have you lived there? Have you visited this place before? Do you want to visit this place in the future?)

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1. Choose two to four symbols that represent this place. Use the internet to find information, as needed, and take notes.
2. Symbol 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details about history/significance:

1. Symbol 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details about history/significance:

1. Symbol 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details about history/significance:

1. Symbol 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details about history/significance:

1. What do these symbols tell us about the character of the people or the place?

### Paragraph Writing

Write a paragraph describing the symbols of this place, providing brief details about the significance and history of the symbols, and explaining how the symbols of this place represent it. Make sure to use the following:

* a heading in the top left with your name, the date, class, and assignment
* a centered title
* indented first line, double-spacing
* a topic sentence to introduce your topic
* a brief description of each symbol followed by an explanation of how it represents the place or the people
* a variety of synonyms for the word “symbolize” (note: see the words you wrote in Task 3 and Task 4, question #9)
* transitions between sentences (first, second, next, another, finally, last, in conclusion, to conclude)
* a concluding sentence

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Level 7

National Symbols of Denmark

Although I was born in the United States, my ancestral roots are Scandinavian. My great-, great-, great-grandparents, Peter and Annie Rask, immigrated to the United States from Denmark, a northern European country made of a peninsula and 400 islands bordered by the North and Baltic Seas. My family’s Danish heritage has faded away over the generations, but I am interested in knowing more about my ancestral background. There are some commonly-known symbols that represent Denmark that can tell about the country and its people and culture. A first symbol of Denmark is the Viking. During the Viking Age, these brave adventurers and warriors travelled the seas in gigantic ships, doing what other people of European lands feared to try. The Vikings were skilled navigators who conquered many areas, including England, Ireland, Scotland, western and northern Europe and North Africa. Although Christopher Columbus has been credited with being the first European to visit the American continent, there is archaeological evidence that the Vikings came to America 500 years before Columbus. A second symbol of Denmark is “The Little Mermaid,” from the story written by Danish author Hans Christian Anderson in 1837. This story is well-known nowadays, thanks to the children’s Disney movie and toys, and today a statue of the Little Mermaid stands in Copenhagen, the capital city of Denmark, honoring the story and its author. A last symbol that represents this nation is the lego. This children’s toy was invented in Denmark in 1931, and its name comes from the Danish word “Le GO ah,” which translated into English means “play well.” The popularity of these colorful building pieces started in Denmark but quickly spread throughout the world. The first Legoland amusement park opened in Denmark in 1968, and now there are three parks, with one located in nearby Carlsbad. To conclude, I have never visited Denmark and never knew my ancestors who bravely crossed the ocean to start a new life in America, but I can infer the national character of Danes from these symbols. Danish people are sea-loving, creative and innovative, courageous, physically strong, and strong-willed. I hope one day to be able to visit this land of my roots and find out in person what Denmark, its people, and its culture are really like.

**Paragraph starter:**

I moved to the United States in XXXX, but I am originally from (hometown, state, and/or country). There are # commonly-known symbols that represent this place where I come from. A first symbol is… It represents… Second, … Next,… Last/Finally,…. To conclude these symbols show that….

**Use this outline for your first draft:**

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Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Type your draft on Google Docs (docs.google.com) and share with me (click the blue share button in the top right) or on Microsoft Word.

### Digitize your paragraph.

Using your paragraph, prepare a presentation. Use Google Slides and/or PowerPoint or just images and voice-over narration. You can narrate PowerPoint slides and export as a video. You can also use Adobe Spark Video, Canva, or other video tool you know to make a video I will show you how to create a narrated slideshow or video based on your paragraph. Your digital work should include the following:

* An introduction with a title, your name, and the class and date
* A brief description of the location of the place (with a map) and why you chose to talk about the symbols of this place (personal relevance)
* A description of two or three symbols of the place you chose, including images and brief details about their importance and/or history
* Transition words between the descriptions of the symbols (for example: first, second, next, last, finally, in conclusion, etc.)
* A conclusion that explains how or why the symbols you described illustrate the character of the people and/or the place
* Correct grammar, spelling, pronunciation with appropriate speaking volume and good presentation skills (eye contact, pace, using notes as needed but not reading, etc.)

### Present.

We will see your digital projects in class.