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✨ Grade 8 English — Symbolism ✨

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1. Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) A character keeps a caged bird throughout a novel about her restrictive marriage; near the end, she opens the cage. What does the caged bird most likely symbolise? 2) A key that no longer fits any lock is kept by a character throughout a novel about letting go of the past. What does the useless key most likely symbolise? 3) A green light glows across the bay throughout a novel about a man's unreachable dream of the past. What does the green light most likely symbolise?

2. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) A single red thread is woven through a tapestry throughout a novel about one family's history across generations. What does the red thread most likely symbolise? 2) A river runs through the centre of a novel about two feuding families living on either side of it. What does the river most likely symbolise?

3. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) A character's wedding ring, too tight to remove, becomes a recurring detail in a novel about a marriage she wants to leave. What does the too-tight ring most likely symbolise? 2) A river runs through the centre of a novel about two feuding families living on either side of it. What does the river most likely symbolise?

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) In a novel about a broken family, a chipped teacup is repaired and reused throughout the story instead of being replaced. What does the repaired teacup most likely symbolise? 2) A faded photograph of two childhood friends is carried throughout a story about a friendship torn apart by betrayal. What does the faded photograph most likely symbolise? 3) In a story about a war-torn city, a single tree keeps blooming each spring despite the bombing. What does the blooming tree most likely symbolise?

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) A faded photograph of two childhood friends is carried throughout a story about a friendship torn apart by betrayal. What does the faded photograph most likely symbolise? 2) A withered garden is slowly replanted throughout a story about a town recovering from a long drought. What does the replanted garden most likely symbolise? 3) A river runs through the centre of a novel about two feuding families living on either side of it. What does the river most likely symbolise?

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Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) In a story about growing up, a character's childhood treehouse is slowly reclaimed by vines and finally torn down. What does the treehouse most likely symbolise? 2) A key that no longer fits any lock is kept by a character throughout a novel about letting go of the past. What does the useless key most likely symbolise?

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) A mirror with a long crack running through it appears throughout a novel about a family falling apart. What does the cracked mirror most likely symbolise? 2) A character keeps a caged bird throughout a novel about her restrictive marriage; near the end, she opens the cage. What does the caged bird most likely symbolise? 3) A character carries her late mother's compass throughout a novel about finding her own direction in life. What does the compass most likely symbolise?

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) A single seed is planted in barren soil at the start of a novel about rebuilding after a disaster. What does the planted seed most likely symbolise? 2) A character carries her late mother's compass throughout a novel about finding her own direction in life. What does the compass most likely symbolise? 3) Snow falls steadily over a town throughout a story about two estranged siblings reuniting at their father's funeral. What does the falling snow most likely symbolise?

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