

A.P. Lit. and Comp. April 7th, 2020

Learning Target:

Students will be able to identify important symbolism and its significance in an A.P. worthy text.

Success Starter: Symbolism Video

Symbols- whether in literature or life represent an idea, feeling- something beyond just itself.

Watch the following video to refresh your understanding of symbolism and how it can be used in literature.

[Symbolism Video](#)

Recitatif: Symbolism Close Reading/ Notes

Directions:

As you read, take note of any symbols you find in “Recitatif” on a sheet of paper. Write down what they traditionally symbolize.

You will be reading a short story by Toni Morrison called “Recitatif”.

Link to text: [Recitatif by Toni Morrison](#)

Symbol Note Example:

The cross: church, christianity, religion

Questions

Once you are finished taking note of the symbolism used throughout, answer the following questions on a sheet of paper. Use the links on the Resource slide to help you.

Questions

1. Take a look at each decade that the girls encounter one another. What is the season for each decade?
2. How does the season in which they meet reflect the nature/emotion/events of each encounter?
3. How does the weather in each section reflect the nature/emotion/events of each encounter?
4. What is the significance of the girls' relationship/beginning at Easter and the conclusion happening during Christmas?

Resources

Use the following resources are here to help you answer your questions:

[Seasons in Literature](#)

[Link to Easter Symbols and Tradition](#)

[Link to Christmas Symbols and Meaning](#)

[Go to Chapter 9 in this following Link](#)

Answers:

1. Take a look at each decade that the girls encounter one another. What is the season for each decade?
Spring, Summer, Summer, Fall, Winter
- Answers for numbers 2, 3, 4 will vary. Each answer should contain specific examples from the text to support your answer.
2. How does the season in which they meet reflect the nature/emotion/events of each encounter?
3. How does the weather in each section reflect the nature/emotion/events of each encounter?
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Additional Resource

This is a fantastic resource for you to read- beyond Ch. 9 for this assignment.

[How to Read Literature Like a Professor](#)