

Literary Analysis: Symbolism and Allegory

“Garden of Stubborn Cats” - Italo Calvino

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>What it represents</u>	<u>How it helps teach the lesson</u>
Example: cats	mischievous and mysterious	It shows us that cats are clever and adaptable creatures; their society is mysterious to humans and has its own rules
1. The fish Marcovaldo catches		
2. The Garden		
3. The Cat Lovers		
4. Those who dislike the cat garden		

Identifying patterns to Draw Conclusions about Symbolism

When you draw a conclusion, you make a decision or form an opinion based on facts and details in a text. To draw a conclusion about the meaning of a symbol, identify patterns that suggest the nature of an object's importance.

List 3 details from the story that have to do with each symbol. Then identify a pattern created by these details in regard to the symbol. Finally, draw a conclusion about what the symbol means based on the pattern you discover.

1. Symbol: the “city of cats”

Three details about this symbol:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Pattern:
5. Meaning:

2. Symbol: The Marchesa

Three details about this symbol:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Pattern:
5. Meaning: