

### *And the Mountains Echoed* Activity 3

Symbols help to associate and connect things with ideas or concepts. Sometimes, representing an idea with a physical object communicates more meaning than explaining the idea itself. In writing, an author may not want to directly state a concept. He/she may just want to represent that idea with something else. Explore the symbols Hosseini uses in the novel and write your analysis of the symbol in the box provided.

Symbol / Quote	What does it represent? Why does he use it?
<b>Feathers</b> “Abdullah suspected Parwana would be furious later to learn that he had traded his only pair of shoes for a peacock feather” (21). “They were all there, Pari’s feathers, shed from roosters, ducks, pigeons; the peacock feather too. He tossed the yellow feather into the box. One day, he thought” (49).	
<b>Giant oak tree</b> “One morning that winter, Father fetched his ax and cut down the giant oak tree” (48). “One early morning, when the sisters were seventeen, they sat on a branch high up the oak tree, their feet dangling” (69). “Pari has since planted in that ground stands as true and sturdy and unshakable as a giant oak” (245).	
<b>Mr. Wahdati’s Car</b> “Everyone came out to see him because he drove a car, though it belonged to his employer” (28). “He owned a mid-1940s model Chevrolet, blue with a tan top, matching blue vinyl seats, and chrome wheels..” (80). “Its carcass still sat in the backyard on flat tires, a sagging hult of rusted-over metal” (134).	
<b>Mountains</b> “At last he reached the mountain atop which sat the div’s fort” (8). “No one has to know..It would be her secret, one she would share with the mountains only” (75). “He would stand there awhile in the field, watching the hills and the mountains looming over New Shadbagh” (288).	
<b>Your example:</b>	
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In literature, a foil is a character that has characteristics that oppose another character, usually the protagonist. The foil character may be completely opposite to the protagonist, or very similar with one key difference. The foil character is used to highlight some particular quality or qualities of the main character. Compare and contrast the characters below:

Parwana and Masooma	Idris and Timur
Parwana	Nila
Baba Ayub (Chapter 1)	Saboor
Your example:	