

Name _____

Definition: A symbol is a person, place, or thing that comes to represent an abstract idea or concept -- it is anything that stands for something beyond itself.

Directions: List and describe three objects or possessions that symbolize you in some way. These could represent your personality, your goals, your future, your family, or your past. Explain briefly why these represent you and attach a tone/emotion word to each.

Example:

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Object	Explanation	Tone or emotional word
Photograph of me in Balboa Park, I'm sitting on a bench, wearing a black shirt and a smile	this picture has meaning for me because it takes me back to the day the picture was taken, the person who took the picture is a dear friend that I don't see much any more and I miss this person. Photographs can symbolize the past.	loss
Pearl earrings - they are creamy white and about the size of a large pea	These are important to me because my husband is in the navy and is often deployed for long periods of time, but he bought these for me while he was on deployment so it reminds me that he thinks about me while he is away, also pearls come from the ocean and he is in the navy	hope

Your three:

Object	Explanation	Tone or emotional word

Writing Assignment Part 1

Write a five paragraph essay that explains how these objects symbolize your life and who you are. These will be shared in class, so don't write anything that you don't want known publicly.

Intro paragraph - Include a hook (a general statement that brings the reader into the essay), background information, and a three-pronged thesis

Body paragraphs - Include topic sentences, illustrate your main points

Concluding paragraph - Give the essay a finished feel but don't just summarize, end with some analysis of your life and future

Look at the essay analysis I handed back to you. You must include and highlight:

Your new spelling words (or spelling rules) or new/higher level vocabulary

Some of your strengths

Some of the items/rules I indicated that you practice

You will staple this paper and the essay analysis to the rough and final drafts. The rough draft is due Friday. We will peer edit in class.