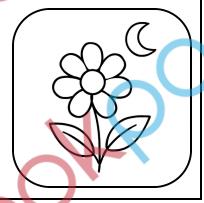
Unlocking Hidden Meanings: Allegory and Symbolism

Some stories use allegory, which means that characters or events stand for bigger ideas. An allegory is like a puzzle, where you have to look beneath the surface to find hidden meanings. For example, a simple flower might represent love or hope, and a journey across the sky could stand for a person's search for meaning.

Symbolism is when objects, animals, or actions are used to represent feelings, themes, or ideas. The moon might represent mystery or change, while rain could stand for sadness or new beginnings. When you read, pay attention to these signs—they help you understand the author's message.

Learning about allegory and symbolism makes reading more interesting. It gives you a chance to exercise your mind.



Student Name:

Comprehension: ______ / 3 correct

Date:

Unlocking Hidden Meanings: Allegory and Symbolism		Comprehension Questions:
Some stories use allegory, which means that	(7)	Literal Question: What is an allegory?
characters or events stand for bigger ideas. An	(15)	Answer: A story where characters or events
allegory is like a puzzle, where you have to look	(25)	stand for bigger ideas. Student Answer:
beneath the surface to find hidden meanings. For	(33)	
example, a simple flower might represent love or	(41)	
hope, and a journey across the sky could stand for	(51)	CorrectIncorrect
a person's search for meaning.	(56)	J
Symbolism is when objects, animals, or actions are	(64)	Inferential Question: Why might authors use symbols in
		their stories?
used to represent feelings, themes, or ideas. The	(72)	Answer: To help readers find deeper
moon might represent mystery or change, while rain	(80)	meanings or themes.
could stand for sadness or new beginnings. When	(88)	Student Answer:
you read, pay attention to these signs—they help	(96)	
you understand the author's message.	(101)	CorrectIncorrect
Learning about allegory and symbolism makes	(107)	Vocabulary Question:
reading more interesting. It gives you a chance to	(116)	What does 'symbolism' mean in stories?
exercise your mind.	(119)	Answer: Using objects or actions to stand for
		ideas or feelings. Student Answer:
Scoring Guide		
Text Level: F&P GRL X Grade Level: 6 Word Count: 11	9	
Total Words Read:		Correct Incorrect
Errors:		Notes:
WCPM: (total words read — errors = WCPM)		
WCPM: Below grade level At grade level Above grade level		1
Prosody: 1 2 3 4		

How to Administer the Fluency Passage Assessment

Assess Oral Reading Fluency

- Give the student a copy of the passage. Set a timer or stopwatch for 1 minute.
- Ask the student to begin reading. As the student reads aloud, assess prosody and mark errors and self-corrections on the evaluation copy using the following guides.
- Stop the student when one minute has passed. Take note of the last word the student read.
- Score the passage on the evaluation copy according to the Scoring Guide. Use the following chart to compare grade level norms for words correctly read per minute.

Marking Conventions	
Attempted Word = Substitution Error	✓ = Accurate Word Reading
∧ = Insertion Error	Attempted Word S/C = Self Correction
— Omission Error	R = Repetition
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T = Intervention Error (telling student the word)	

Prosody Rubric		2	3	4	
Expression and Volume	monotone or quiet	some expression	appropriate expression	varied, natural expression	
Phrasing	word-by-word reading	some phrase groupings	generally smooth phrasing	natural, meaningful phrasing	
Smoothness	frequent pauses, starts and stops	occasional breaks	mostly smooth reading	fluent and confident	
Pace	too slow or too fast	uneven pace	generally appropriate pace	consistent, conversational pace	

Grade Leve	el Norms (WC	PM) *	ノ				
Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring	Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring
First	0 – 10	10 - 50	30 - 90	Fourth	70 - 120	80 - 130	90 - 140
Second	30 - 80	50 - 100	70 - 130	Fifth	80 - 130	90 - 140	100 - 150
Third	50 – 110	70 - 120	80 - 140	Sixth	90 - 140	100 - 150	110 - 160

^{*} Rasinski Words Correct Per Minute Target Rates

Fluency Builder: Unlocking Hidden Meanings: Allegory and Symbolism

Passage Details

Grade Level: 6

Reading Level: F&P GRL X

Word Count: 119

High-Frequency Words

love, exercise, flower, moon, sky

Suggestions for Use

Increase Exposure to High-Frequency Words

- Before reading, introduce the list of high-frequency words in the passage.
- Find the words in the passage. Highlight or underline the words.

Illustrate and Label Extension Activity

• Have students draw and label items mentioned in the passage.

Link to Writing or Discussion

• Encourage knowledge transfer and personal connection by asking:

"Describe a symbol you have seen in a story or movie."

"Why do you think symbols make stories more interesting?"

Use for Repeated Readings

Day 1: Teacher reads aloud, then echo read

Day 2: Partner reading

Day 3: One-minute fluency timing and WCPM tracking

Day 4: Performance reading (with expression!)