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Symbolism in Art

Symbolism is the practice or art of using an object or a word to represent an abstract idea. An action, person, place, word, or object can all have a symbolic meaning.

Different cultures will use the same symbols to express different ideas:

Eg. The swastika in the West is a symbol of **hatred** and **pure evil.**

In Hinduism, the *right-facing* symbol (卐) is called swastika, symbolizing **sun, prosperity** & **good luck.**

The *left-facing* symbol (卍) is called sauvastika, symbolizing **night** or **tantric** aspects of Kali.

Colours can be used in symbolism:

Death/Evil

Life/Purity

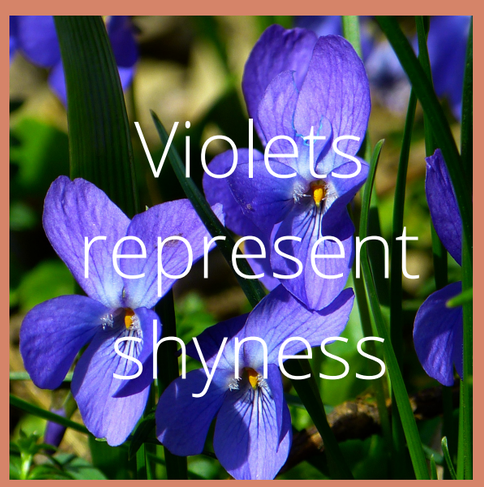
Blood
Passion
Danger
Immoral

Royal

Violence
Decay

Peace
Calm

Flowers as symbols:



Animals as symbols:

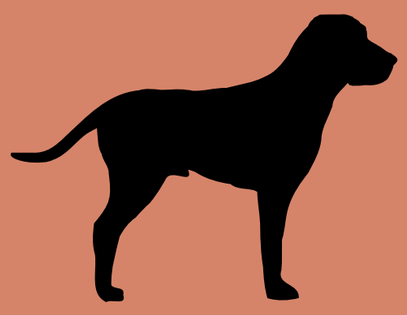
Bear:

Danger or Courage

Butterfly:

A great transformation

Dog



Loyalty or Devotion

Serpent:

Coruption or Darkness

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What do these images symbolise to you?

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