

Up/North	Success, morally good
Down/South	Defeat, morally bad
Left/West	Wilderness, adventure
Right/East	Tradition, safety

DIRECTIONS

Light	Hope, goodness
Dark	Hopelessness, evil
Shadow	Uncertainty, danger
Cover	Lying, shame

LIGHT & DARK

Spring	Youth, renewal, birth
Summer	Energy, power, intensity
Fall	Consequences of actions, slowing down
Winter	Loneliness, death

SEASONS

SYMBOLISM AT A GLANCE

Sometimes, an author uses an item to represent more than just that item. This guide was designed as a shortcut to help you identify what an author might be suggesting with the use of a notable item or color in a story. Keep in mind, these items often – but not always – represent the listed meaning. Feel free to add more symbolic items you uncover in your reading to the back of this paper.



Blue sky	Freedom, opportunity
Clouds	Trouble, turmoil
Rain	Sorrow, fresh start
Fog	Confusion
Snow	Death, transformation
Wind	Change, powerful force
Flood	Death, rebirth, cleanse

WEATHER

Sunrise	Hope, birth, fresh start
Noon	Peak productivity, truth
Sunset	End, conclusion, death
Night	Fear, danger, insanity
Sun	Life, warmth, truth, hope, goodness
Moon	Change, indecisiveness
Stars	Fate/destiny, guidance
Clock	Time pressure, longing for change
Eating	Acceptance, making peace
Sleep	Peace, surrender, death

DAILY ROUTINE

White	Innocence, purity, youth
Black	Death, sin, sophistication
Gray	Uncertainty, boredom
Brown	Earth, comfort
Purple	Royalty, wealth
Blue	Peace, security
Green	Nature, health, jealousy
Yellow	Hope, betrayal
Orange	Energy, fun
Red	Danger, passion, blood

COLORS

Egg	Potential, fragility of life
Bird	Freedom, escape
Snake	Lying, danger
Rat	Lying, disease
Lion	Power, leadership
Horse	Strength, working class
Mouse	Fragility, innocence
Dog	Loyalty, friendship
Cat	Darkness, rebirth (9 lives)
Spider	Persistence, a trap

ANIMAL LIFE