

Elements of Literature

Name: _____

The author uses many different elements to help make the story more engaging. A few elements that are used often in the story are **simile**, **metaphor**, **symbolism** and **imagery**.

1. **Imagery:** The use of sensory words to paint an image in your mind. For example:

The gushing brook stole its way down the lush green mountains, dotted with tiny flowers in a riot of colors and trees coming alive with chirping birds.

2. **Simile and metaphor:** Comparing two distinct objects to something else. Simile uses “as” or “like,” a metaphor does not. For example:

- “My love is like a red, red rose” (simile)
- He is an old fox; very cunning. (metaphor)

3. **Symbolism:** Something (a word, action or event in the story) that actually stands for something else. For example:

- A red rose stands for love.
- A dove stands for peace.

Write your own examples below:

Example:

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| Imagery | |
| Simile | |
| Metaphor | |
| Symbolism | |

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While reading the story, take note on the different elements of literature the author uses to tell the story. How many of each can you find?

| | Example from story | Pg # |
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| Imagery | | |
| Simile | | |
| Metaphor | | |
| Symbolism | | |