

Figurative Language and Poetic Devices

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Symbolism: the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities. The symbol of a heart is the symbol of love. The symbol of a crown is the symbol of power. The symbol of a dove is the symbol of peace.

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