Symbolism in *The Awakening*

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| **What are the objectives of this lesson?** |

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| **What standards are we addressing?**  Reading Standards for Literature 9-10:  1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. 2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.  Writing Standards 9-10:  1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grades 9–10* *topics, texts, and issues,* building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively. |

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| **What’s the big idea?** |

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| **What is a symbol?** |

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| **Why are symbols important?**  Recognizing symbols in a piece of literature makes you more .  Symbols often and other important elements of a story.  An ability to recognize symbols in a work of literature shows .  is highly important in all aspects of life. |

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| **The Sea as a Symbol**  The sea symbolizes , , and the . |

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| **How does the sea show Edna that she can rely on herself?** |

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| **Without the sea, do you think Edna would have experienced her awakening?** |

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| **The Bird as a Symbol**  The caged bird in the first chapter symbolizes . |