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 .  |