

The Dreaded Cliff



Symbols

Sometimes objects, places, or characters in stories symbolize or represent another idea or meaning. What ideas could the following things in the story represent or symbolize? The hints are suggestions; readers may see no or different symbolism.

- Crack in the cliff Hint: the deepest place inside of us, something hidden, a doorway to another understanding, source of knowledge and understanding, inner thoughts
- Ancestral packrat home Hint: connections to the past, family history, reminders of connections to others and who we are, the value of each of us in a community
- Grandma Mimi Hint: wisdom, truth, power, endurance, strength, love
- Mirror Hint: a way to see ourselves, seeing our inner beauty, reminding ourselves of our uniqueness and power, facing ourselves
- Owl Hint: mystery, wisdom, seeing the big picture
- Snake Hint: survival, transformation, change, disruption, power
- Red toy bulldozer Hint: inspiration, creativity, beauty, exploration, power, uniqueness, the individual, beginnings
- Lucky quills Hint: luck, good fortune, reminders of something positive and happy, friendship, abundance
- Thunderstorms Hint: cleansing, starting anew, preparation for a journey

What are objects or people in your life that mean something other than what you see?
What do they symbolize for you?

What are some objects or places that symbolize ideas for groups of people? How do people feel if that object or place is vandalized or destroyed?