



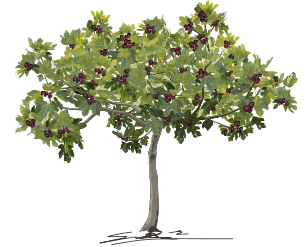
# ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY: EXPLORING SYMBOLS

**Symbolism** is a literary device that uses symbols, such as words, colors, objects, or places, to represent other ideas or concepts. Authors use symbolism to add emotion, connect themes, define characters, and add significance to the story.

Consider the importance of the following symbols in *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. What deeper meaning does each bring to the story? Choose three symbols and complete the chart below. An example has been done for you.

- school bus
- Sunday clothes
- Wallace store
- books
- fig tree

- Uncle Hammer’s car
- Stacey’s coat
- Jeremy’s flute
- fire
- weather



Symbol	Meaning	Explanation
land	independence	Many Black families in the area are sharecroppers, meaning that they’re indebted to the land owners. Because the Logan family owns their own land, they are not indebted to anyone else.