



Symbolism is the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.

Purpose of Symbolism

- The purpose of symbolism in literature is to represent something by using objects or animals
- Symbolism can be used to add or represent meaning that goes beyond what is being said.
- To help create a thought through things and places
- Some author utilizes figures of speech like similes, metaphors and allegory to develop symbolism.

Example # 1

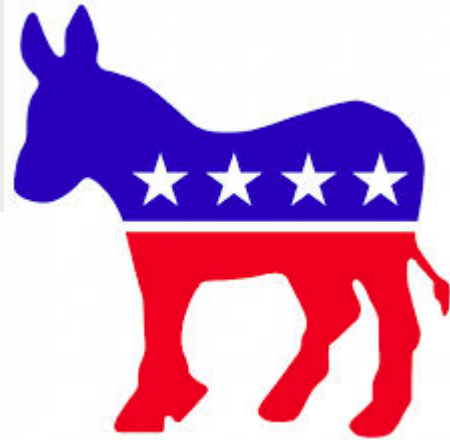
Colors can be examples of symbolism

Examples:

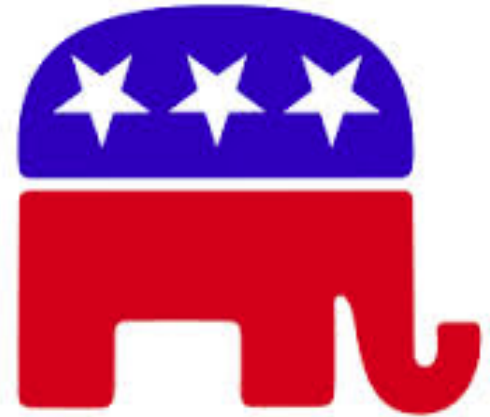
- **black** color = death / evil
- **red** color = blood/passion, danger or immortal character.
- **blue** color= calm/peacefulness

Example #2

Another example of symbolism is the logos for the Democratic and Republican party.



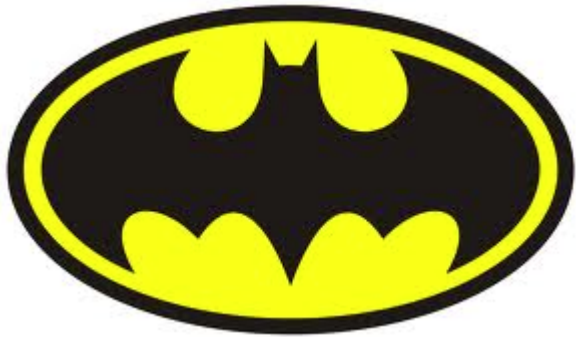
The donkey is the **Democratic** symbol



The elephant is the **Republican** symbol

Example #3

Photos, drawings, and logos can all be examples of symbolism.



- This logo is a symbol for **Batman**.



- This logo is the symbol for **Apple**.

