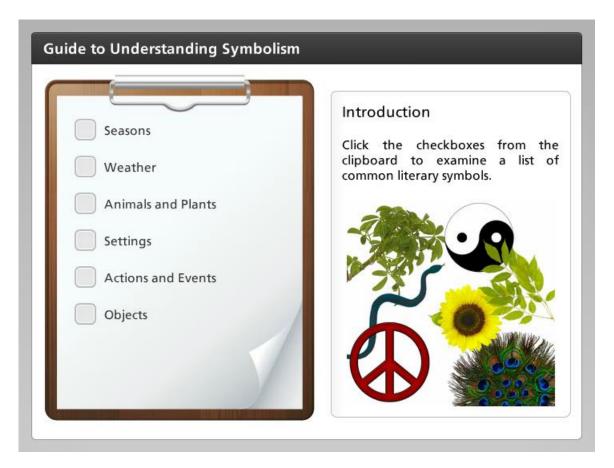
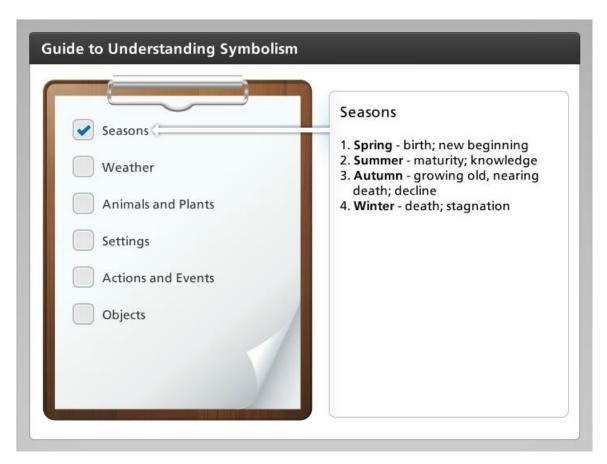
Introduction



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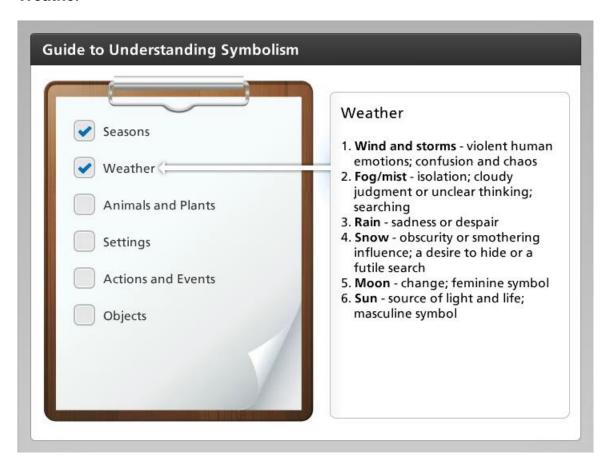
Seasons



- 1. **Spring** birth; new beginning
- 2. **Summer** maturity; knowledge
- 3. **Autumn** growing old, nearing death; decline
- 4. **Winter** death; stagnation



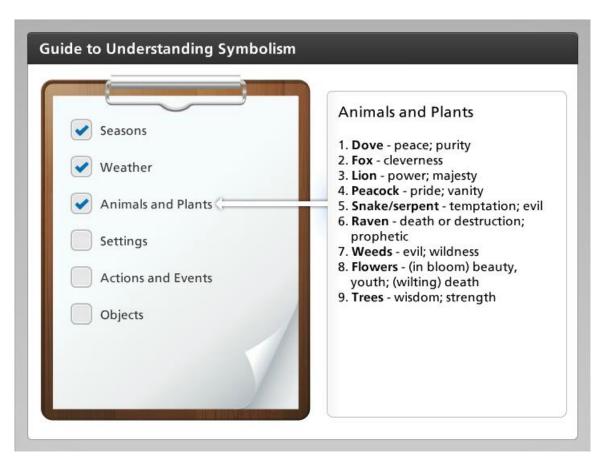
Weather



- 1. Wind and storms violent human emotions; confusion and chaos
- 2. **Fog/mist** isolation; cloudy judgment or unclear thinking; searching
- 3. **Rain** sadness or despair
- 4. **Snow** obscurity or smothering influence; a desire to hide or a futile search
- 5. **Moon** change; feminine symbol
- 6. **Sun** source of light and life; masculine symbol



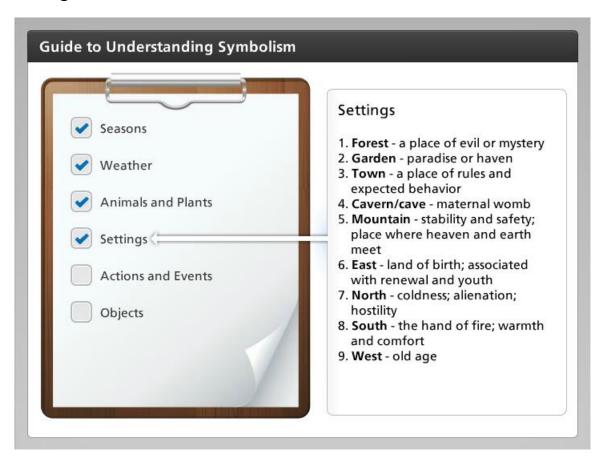
Animals and Plants



- 1. **Dove** peace; purity
- 2. **Fox** cleverness
- 3. **Lion** power; majesty
- 4. **Peacock** pride; vanity
- 5. **Snake/serpent** temptation; evil
- 6. **Raven** death or destruction; prophetic
- 7. **Weeds** evil; wildness
- 8. Flowers (in bloom) beauty, youth; (wilting) death
- 9. **Trees** wisdom; strength



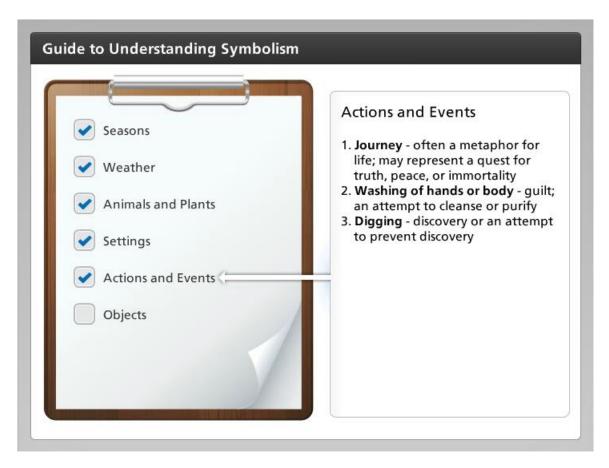
Settings



- 1. **Forest** a place of evil or mystery
- 2. Garden paradise or haven
- 3. **Town** a place of rules and expected behavior
- 4. Cavern/cave maternal womb
- 5. **Mountain** stability and safety; place where heaven and earth meet
- 6. East land of birth; associated with renewal and youth
- 7. **North** coldness; alienation; hostility
- 8. **South** the hand of fire; warmth and comfort
- 9. West old age



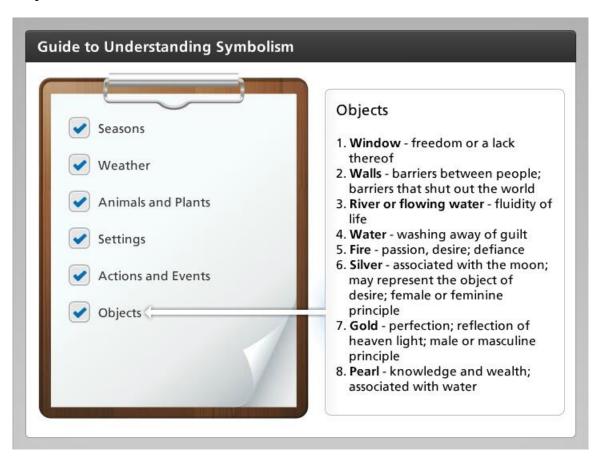
Actions and Events



- 1. **Journey** often a metaphor for life; may represent a quest for truth, peace, or immortality
- 2. Washing of hands or body guilt; an attempt to cleanse or purify
- 3. **Digging** discovery or an attempt to prevent discovery



Objects



- 1. **Window** freedom or a lack thereof
- 2. Walls barriers between people; barriers that shut out the world
- 3. **River or flowing water** fluidity of life
- 4. **Water** washing away of guilt
- 5. **Fire** passion, desire; defiance
- 6. **Silver** associated with the moon; may represent the object of desire; female or feminine principle
- 7. **Gold** perfection; reflection of heaven light; male or masculine principle
- 8. **Pearl** knowledge and wealth; associated with water

