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Raggedy CHAN

Understanding Symbolism in Literature

Symbolism in literature is where the author uses characters, places or situations to represent, or stand for, something else. The story of *Raggedy Chan* is really two stories in one: There is the fairytale told to Emma by Auntie Gracie, and then there is the cultural story that touches on the hardships that all immigrants to America have to endure. Despite all these hardships, immigrants today still come to America. Author Camille Piccott uses symbolism in *Raggedy Chan* to communicate the never-ending hope generated by the United States to people all over the world.

Now that we have discussed **symbolism** in class, write in 1 sentence describing what each of these symbols really means.

1. Raggedy Sam: _____

2. Yao-chi gives her name to Tiger Dragon to take back to Queen Mother for safe-keeping. When Yao-chi releases her name, what does it symbolize?

3. The golden gate through which Raggedy Chan follows Raggedy Sam: _____

4. Raggedy Chan, with great pain and agony, receives new eyes: _____

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5. Raggedy Dan’s (hot dog vendor) treatment of Raggedy Chan: _____

6. The truck that Raggedy Chan buys is red: _____

7. Raggedy Stan’s (the car salesman) initial treatment of Raggedy Chan: _____

8. The Pern-yi clan caterpillars replace Raggedy Chan’s skin: _____

9. Paul Bunyan and Babe, the blue ox: _____

10. The death of Drought Fury: _____
