

SYMBOLS LIST

Landscape

Field
Ocean
River
Lake/Pond
Waterfall
Flood

Sky
Star
Sun
Moon

Cloud
Weather
Wind
Rain
Dew
Fog
Snow

Storm
Thunder
Lightning
Rainbow

Dawn
Sunrise
Solstice
Dusk
Sunset
Night

Stone
Mountain
Valley
Cave

Desert
Forest
Jungle
Beach
Island
Mountain
Valley
Garden
Oasis

Trees
Cedar
Fir
Spruce
Olive
Maple
Oak

Plants

Options to consider:

- Related to the setting in your image
- using the formal elements in a stylized way (roots, leaves, branches)
- particular species selected for their connection to your subject

Medicinal Plants
 Fruits/Vegetables
 Seeds
 Nuts
 Houseplants
 Interesting forms /textures/patterns
 Flowers w/ cultural symbolism
 Mushrooms/Fungi - Essential for any
 ecosystem!

Animals

**Engaging characters in your narrative, eye
 contact!**

Snail, Slug
 Toad, Frog
 Turtle, Tortoise
 Snake, Lizard

Fish
 Shark
 Whale /Dolphin
 Octopus / Squid/ Cuttlefish
 Jellyfish
 Shell / Sand dollar
 Crab
 Clam/Oyster
 Coral

Insects - beetle, ant, butterfly, bee, caterpillar,
 moth

Scorpion
 Spider

Feather
 Dove

Crow/Raven
 Owl
 Swan
 Hummingbird
 Hawk

Ape/Monkey
 Elephant

Rabbit
 Rat/Mouse
 Squirrel
 Raccoon

Bat
 Wolf
 Coyote
 Fox
 Deer
 Bear
 Elk

Dog
 Cat
 Cow
 Bull
 Goat
 Horse
 Sheep
 Pig
 Hen/Rooster
 Donkey

Built elements

Path
 Road
 Crossroads
 Labyrinth

City

Buildings

Homes

Castle

Stairs

Temple

Tower

Pillar/Column

Bridge

Tunnel

School

Prison

Interior built elements/Home objects

(pick 1-3)

Gate/Door

Lock

Key

Window

Ladder

Attic

Basement/Cellar

Kitchen

Hearth

Lamp/Candle

Oven

Table

Chair/Throne

Glass

Mirror

Carpet

Broom

Bed/Bedroom

Cradle

Toilet

Bath/Bathing

Pool

Fountain

Well

Human Figure

Roles/Archetypes/Major arcana (Tarot)/

Imaginary Creatures

Angel

King/Queen

Prince/Princess

Fool/Joker

War/Warrior

Beggar

Cripple

Thief/Robber

Orphan

Stranger

Crone

Wizard

Witch

Nymph

Fairy

Mermaid

Priestess

Priest

Mother

Father

Child

Siblings	Bone / Skeleton
Twins	Spine
Baby	Skull, brain, thoughts
	Ribs, Breath
Siren	Neck/Throat
Furies	Arm
Unicorn	Hand
Cyclops/Giant	Finger
Vampire	Nail
Witch	Breast
Dragon	Heart
	Blood
Ghost	Liver
Ancestor	Womb
	Leg
Size relative to other elements in the image	Thigh
	Knee
	Foot
Skin - texture, markings, patterns, tattoos, colors	Injury/disease
Facial features/ Senses/ Head/ Hair	Activity in the image/narrative action
Eyes	Flying
Tears	Climbing
Ear	Sitting
Nose	Falling
Mouth	Standing
Beard	Playing
Teeth	Swimming
Tongue	Transportation - bike, car, train, airplane, boat
Brain	Maps
Hair	Resting
Baldness	Working
Body: inside and outside, x-ray vision, physical processes, cycles, growth, death	Weaving/Spinning/knitting
	Sewing

Hunting/Gathering
 Farming/Gardening/Cooking/Eating
 Building
 Potter
 Reading
 Writing

Tools

Hammer/nail
 Gardening/Farming tools
 Wheel
 Calendar
 Compass
 Ax/ Knife/ Sword
 Scissors
 Spear
 Bow & Arrow
 Gun

Scale
 Chain
 Thread
 net/web
 Basket
 Telephone

Personal accessories:

Purse
 Money
 Comb
 Brush
 Veil
 Hat / Helmet
 Crown
 Jewelry - necklace, earrings
 Ring
 Apron

Shoe
 Umbrella/Parasol

Music/Instruments

Flute
 Trumpet/Horn
 Harp/lyre
 Bell
 Drum
 Silence

Spiritual/ Ritual Elements

Spiral
 Mask
 Incense
 Ashes
 Blessing
 Shape-Shifting
 Metamorphosis
 Transformation
 Chakras
 Crack
 Pearl
 Medicine

Color: Pick the most important 1-3 for this image

Red
 Orange
 Yellow
 Green
 Blue
 Purple
 Brown
 Black
 White
 Gray