

Directions for Mandala and Chart of Color Symbolism

Directions

Write the name of your character under the mandala. Then decide which of the characteristics you have identified are most important in this character. Keeping that in mind, begin to fill in your mandala with the colors that symbolize those characteristics. If the predominant characteristic of a character is confidence, for example, you may want to use more blue in the mandala or use blue mainly at the center of the graphic.

Once you have completed your mandala, write one paragraph about your character, in which you introduce the character, explain what each color represents on the mandala and the significance of its placement (for example, "Green is for renewal because Mrs. Mallard believes she was beginning a new life. This belief was the impetus for her change in attitude and thus is more dominant than the other colors"), and conclude the paragraph.

Reminder

Choose characteristics appropriate to the character, showing careful reading; a pattern of colors that is pleasing to the eye; effective paragraph organization, sentence fluency, and word choice; and attention to grammar and spelling conventions.

Color Symbolism

Writers often use colors symbolically. If you study the list below, you will see that the same color can symbolize both positives and negatives.

Color	Symbolizes
Red	excitement, energy, passion, speed, strength, power, heat, love, aggression, danger, fire, blood, war, violence
Yellow	joy, happiness, optimism, idealism, imagination, hope, sunshine, gold, philosophy, dishonesty, cowardice, betrayal, jealousy, deceit, illness, hazard
Blue	peace, tranquility, calm, stability, harmony, unity, trust, confidence, security, cleanliness, order, loyalty, cold, technology, depression
Orange	energy, balance, warmth, enthusiasm, vibrancy, expansiveness, flamboyance, demands for attention
Green	nature, environment, health, good luck, renewal, youth, vigor, spring, generosity, jealousy, inexperience, envy
Purple	royalty, spirituality, nobility, ceremony, mystery, transformation, wisdom, enlightenment, cruelty, arrogance, mourning
Gray	security, reliability, intelligence, modesty, dignity, maturity, solidity, practicality, old age, sadness, boredom
Brown	earth, hearth, home, outdoors, reliability, comfort, endurance, stability, simplicity
White	reverence, purity, simplicity, cleanliness, peace, humility, precision, innocence, youth, birth, winter, snow, good, marriage, cold
Black	power, sophistication, formality, elegance, wealth, mystery, fear, evil, anonymity, unhappiness, depth, style, sadness, remorse, anger, underground, mourning, death