

Allegory

Animal Farm

“The Tortoise and The Hare”

1. Who/what does the hare represent? And the tortoise?
2. Is this just a story for children?
3. What is the ‘moral’ of the story?
4. Why tell a story like this? Why not just explain the ‘moral’ to people?
5. Why use animals?

Allegory

Definition: A story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one. A symbol.

Allegory is a form of extended metaphor, in which objects, persons, and actions in a narrative, are equated with the meanings that lie outside the narrative itself. The underlying meaning has moral, social, religious, or political significance, and characters are often personifications of abstract ideas, such as charity, greed, or envy. Thus an allegory is a story with two meanings; a literal meaning and a symbolic meaning.

Allegorical Animals

Many allegories use animals to represent human characters, vices, types of people or qualities of human nature. See if you can determine the commonly accepted allegorical meanings of the following animals:

- Donkey
- Pig
- Fox
- Owl
- Bull
- Crow
- Cat
- Lion
- Wolf
- Chicken
- Dog
- Eagle

Assignment

You will need to read four Aesop's Fables and answer the corresponding questions using complete sentences.

The stories and questions can be found and answered on the document titled "Allegory in Fables" on my website.

Turn your completed assignment into Google Classroom by class time tomorrow.