

ALLEGORICAL STORYBOARD PREPARATION

Summary

For this project, you need to create a six-frame storyboard that tells a short story. A storyboard is a sequence of images with text, visually similar to a comic strip, that is used to summarize the key elements of a full story. On the surface, it is a simple narrative—but underneath, it represents a bigger idea about people or society. With that goal in mind, you need to use symbolic characters, objects, and events to develop your allegory.

Allegory Guidelines

- Use the boxes of the storyboard to illustrate key scenes and use the lines underneath to summarize what is happening in that part of the story.
- Tell a complete story (beginning, middle, and end).
- Include 3–5 symbols.
 - Symbols can be characters, objects, actions, or events.
 - Do **not** reveal what your symbols represent in the storyboard itself.

Your allegory should be enjoyable and understandable even if someone doesn't look for hidden meaning. When the symbols are examined more closely, your story needs to reveal a deeper message about something from the real world.

Potential Themes

You are welcome to use your own ideas for your allegory, but here are some ideas:

- Change Is Possible Through Persistence
- Freedom Requires Responsibility
- Mistakes Lead to Growth
- Power Corrupts Even Good Intentions
- Shortcuts Create Bigger Problems Later
- Trust Makes Communities Stronger
- Everyone Has Something Valuable to Contribute
- Avoiding Conflict Allows Problems to Grow
- Charismatic Leaders Can Manipulate Groups
- Technology Can Connect or Isolate People
- Working Together Creates Better Outcomes
- Traditions Persist Even When They Stop Making Sense

Storyboard Planning

Before you create your storyboard, answer the following to start planning your allegory.

Audience

Who are you writing your story for?

Purpose

What concept/insight do you want your audience to understand through your allegory?

Outline

Write an outline that you could represent with six illustrations to communicate your story. Write a brief description or sketch for what you imagine drawing.

Symbols

Write down the symbols you plan to use and what you intend them to represent. Later, you will be asked to explain your symbolism.