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## Identifying Symbols and Rituals

The following objects or actions can be understood as symbols. Some actions, but not all, are rituals. As specifically as you can, identify the object or action as a symbol or a ritual. Explain the abstract meaning each communicates. Add your own examples at the end. Use the following examples as models.

Object or Action	Symbol or Ritual? Explain.	Abstract Meaning
an egg	<b>Symbol:</b> an object that evokes meanings beyond itself	<b>new life, hope, initial form of something bigger, Easter</b>
blowing out birthday candles	<b>Ritual:</b> a meaningful repeated action	<b>the end of one year and the beginning of a new adventure, making a wish</b>
the color green		
a wedding ring		
annual trip to the state fair		
a river		



<b>a lion</b>		
<b>laying hands on a person</b>		
<b>wind</b>		
<b>walking</b>		

