

Chapter III:  
"St. Johns River: Along The River Margin"  
from *Florida Trails*

Symbolism is using one thing to represent another. For example, a sunrise can represent a new beginning or a sunset can represent death.

In the course of this chapter, the narrator remarks on the symbolism of smoke. He suggests that, "smoke is free. It was born of the woods, where it gathered all spices to its bosom, and though the log crumbles to ashes in durance, the smoke is the spirit of freedom and can mean nothing else to him who has once smelled it in the wild. If I am ever a life prisoner, I hope they will not let me get scent of wood smoke. If they do, on that day I shall break jail or die in the attempt."

Choose something to represent as a symbol. Write a description of what it symbolizes, using the example from the chapter as your model.

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In the first column, copy down passages from the reading that you find interesting/ important/ appealing. In the second column, react to the text by clarifying meaning, questioning, making connections, or paraphrasing.

Text	Reaction

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The narrator is frightened by his encounter with a snake, who uses his appearance to frighten away predators when he, in turn, is frightened. What is your reaction when you are frightened? Is your behavior like that of the narrator or like that of the snake? Explain which you are more like, using examples from the text to support your answer.