

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to identify and analyze the various symbols present in the movie "Finding Nemo." They will understand how these symbols contribute to the overall themes of the story, enhancing their appreciation for film as a form of art.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for notes and analysis.
- Access to the movie "Finding Nemo" (or a recap if the movie is not available).
- Quiet space to watch the movie and reflect on its themes.
- Basic understanding of symbolism and themes in storytelling.

Activities

• Symbol Scavenger Hunt:

As the student watches "Finding Nemo," encourage them to take notes on any symbols they notice. This could include characters, objects, or even colors that seem to represent something deeper. After the movie, they can share their findings and discuss what each symbol means.

• Character Symbolism Mapping:

Have the student create a visual map of the main characters and the symbols associated with them. For example, they might connect Marlin with the theme of overprotection and Dory with the idea of perseverance. This activity helps in visualizing the relationships between characters and their symbolic meanings.

• Theme Collage:

Using their notes, the student can create a collage that represents the themes of "Finding Nemo." They can draw, cut out images from magazines, or write words and phrases that represent the symbols and themes they identified. This creative activity reinforces their understanding of the film's deeper messages.

Talking Points

- "What do you think the ocean represents in 'Finding Nemo'? Is it just a setting, or does it symbolize something larger?"
- "How does Marlin's journey reflect the theme of overcoming fear? Can you think of moments in the film that highlight this?"
- "Dory often forgets things, but what do you think her character symbolizes in terms of friendship and resilience?"
- "Consider the relationship between Marlin and Nemo. How does their relationship evolve throughout the movie, and what symbols illustrate this change?"
- "What role do the other characters, like Bruce the shark or Crush the turtle, play in conveying the film's messages? What symbols are associated with them?"
- "How does the film use colors and visuals to enhance the symbolism? Can you think of specific scenes where this is evident?"
- "In the end, what do you think the main message of 'Finding Nemo' is? How do the symbols you've identified support this message?"