

15. **Symbolism** is the use of symbols to represent deeper meanings or themes. Symbols are usually objects, which are easy to understand, but they represent something more complex. We use symbols every day. E.g.

- A red rose is a symbol of love or romance.
- A clock is a symbol of time.
- Diamonds symbolise wealth or value.
- A white flag symbolises surrender.

Pause the film at the following times. What is the symbolism of the objects mentioned? Make notes below –

0:56 The key in Verideon's hand.

1:15 The letter.

1:40 The image of Nicholas and his wife sitting on the peaceful cliff edge together.

1:48 The image containing a baby.

2:19 The fire within which Nicholas and his wife are depicted.

2:22 The smoky creature.

2:36 The blossom tree shrouded in smoke.

3:04 The boat in the storm.

3:14 The maze feature of the machine.

3:27 The pocket watch.

3:46 The smashed glass of the machine piece.

4:10 The drawing plans for the machine pinned next to the closed door.

CHALLENGE: Choose an object to symbolise your day. They are to write a short explanation as to why you have chosen that object and its meaning. You will show your symbolism through imagery – similes and metaphors.

Remember – Sentences, punctuation, variety of sentence types, carefully selected words, similes and metaphors.

Write in your exercise books or on lined paper.