



Symbolise

Symbol comes from the Greek word *symbolleîn*, which means to bring together. To symbolise involves something that is usually visible and reminds us of something else that is invisible or not apparent in the image but is connected with it. For example, a national flag can be a symbol of a country united together. Symbols are designed to help people to stimulate their minds and help in establishing further meaning.

This Spiritual Capability may involve:

- An awareness of metaphor and representation
- An ability to enter into an image, artefact, story or experience at a variety of levels to take a participant to a deeper understanding
- Moving students from the physical reality to the metaphysical understanding.

Examples of educators promoting this capability could be when they:

- Encourage exploration of symbolism in one's life and the world
- Investigate meaning of symbols from a variety of faith traditions
- Lead engagement and wondering regarding an artefact or visual image
- Include exposure to ways of interpreting art, images, music, artefacts, story or experiences that lead to a deeper understanding
- Provide opportunities to design and create symbols that convey meaning.