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SYMBOLISM CHART

“Through the Tunnel” contains a number of symbols – people, places, and things that stand for themselves, but also for something else. The chart below lists some **symbolic** passages from the story.

Learning Target:

Task: In the right-hand column, identify the symbol in each passage and write what you believe it symbolically means. (2 sentences minimum + use at least 1 vocabulary word). Then, use the lines at the bottom to write your own interpretation of the story’s symbolic meaning or theme.

Details From the Story: Action Performed or Words Spoken	Elaborations/Opinions: What is the symbol in the passage and what is its symbolic meaning ?
<p>1. “Contrition sent him running after her. And yet, as he ran, he looked back over his shoulder at the wild bay; and all morning, as he played on the safe beach, he was thinking of it” (Lessing 1).</p>	
<p>2. “After they had dived and come up, they swam around, hauled themselves up, and waited their turn to dive again. They were big boys, men, to Jerry” (Lessing 2).</p>	
<p>3. “He could see the hole. It was an irregular, dark gap; but he could not see deep into it...He knew he must find his way through that cave, or hole, or tunnel, and out the other side” (Lessing 3-4).</p>	

Symbolic Meaning of the Story (Theme): _____
