

Watchmen Symbol Sketches

- ★ All symbol sketches must be completed in ink (no pencil) in your composition book (no spiral-bound or loose-leaf paper)
- ★ All due dates will be posted on the schedule board.

Find a few good symbols ...

Many works of literature include symbols (real things which carry more than literal meaning). Those specific symbols always represent something important to truly experiencing that work of literature. I'm asking you to select *significant* **visual** symbols from throughout *Watchmen*. Consider what objects Moore and Gibbons seem to emphasize through **repetition**, **juxtaposition**, or **parallelism** in the novel. Also consider how many of these repeated symbols are **changed** throughout the course of the book.

For each symbol ...

- Use a **full page** for each symbol.
- **Sketch** the symbol as it appears in the text.
- ← **Cite the symbol's location(s).**
- Provide a fitting **name** for the symbol, and underline it.
- In a sentence, explain the **context** the symbol appears in.
- **Respond to the symbol** in about a paragraph. Remember that literature rarely offers simple answers to simple questions. Trust yourself to become comfortable with ambiguity and contradiction; this is the path to get the most out of any literary text. (It's okay to ask questions instead of providing firm answers on a symbol's significance.)

IT'S OKAY TO SORT OF PUT YOUR OWN SPIN ON IT.

Citation format is: (chapter.page:panel). So chapter 2, page 3, panel 4 would be (II.3.4). And chapter 7, page 12, panel six would be (IX.12.6).