

Using Symbolism to Synthesize “Linoleum Roses” and “The Rose that Grew from Concrete”

Please answer all questions in complete sentences, using correct subject-verb agreement.

Identify the symbols in “Linoleum Roses.”

What might these symbols tell us about Sally?

What might these symbols tell us about Sally’s world?

What larger message about the nature of human beings might this symbol be pointing toward?

Use the expert language to help you write about the theme of the text.

Read and annotate the following text by Tupac Shakur.  
You should use MR BICEPS to begin to identify the symbols.

“The Rose that Grew From Concrete”

Did you hear about the rose that grew  
from a crack in the concrete?

Proving nature's law is wrong it

learned to walk with out having feet.  
Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,  
it learned to breathe fresh air.  
Long live the rose that grew from concrete  
when no one else ever cared.

Identify and explain one of the symbols in “The Rose that Grew from Concrete” using MR BICEPS.

What might this symbol tell us about the narrator?

What might these symbols tell us about the narrator’s world?

What larger message about the nature of human beings might this symbol be pointing toward?

Use the expert language to help you write about the theme of the text.

Does the rose act similarly in “Linoleum Roses” and “The Rose that Grew from Concrete”? Introduce a claim and evidence from each text to explain your answer. Your answer should be at least one full paragraph.