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## Esperanza's Symbols

**Directions:** Symbols are objects, images, or ideas that stand for something deeper than their surface meaning. In *Esperanza Rising*, Pam Muñoz Ryan uses powerful symbols to show Esperanza's struggles, hope, and growth. Below are **four major symbols** from the novel. For each:

- Describe what the symbol literally is in the story.
- Explain what it represents or means.
- Write one or two sentences about how it connects to Esperanza's journey.

### 1. The Phoenix

- Literal object in the story: \_\_\_\_\_
- Represents: \_\_\_\_\_
- Connection to Esperanza: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. The Crochet Blanket

- Literal object in the story: \_\_\_\_\_
- Represents: \_\_\_\_\_
- Connection to Esperanza: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. The Train Ride

- Literal object in the story: \_\_\_\_\_
- Represents: \_\_\_\_\_
- Connection to Esperanza: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. The Rose Bush

- Literal object in the story: \_\_\_\_\_
- Represents: \_\_\_\_\_
- Connection to Esperanza: \_\_\_\_\_