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Symbols of Change

Directions: Read the passage carefully, paying attention to its main **theme or idea**. Think of an **object or symbol** that could represent that theme. (For example: a sunrise for hope, a chain for restriction.) Draw your chosen symbol in the space provided. Write 2-3 sentences explaining why the symbol you created represents the passage's theme or idea.

Lena sat quietly on the back steps, clutching the letter in her hands. The words inside told her she had been accepted to the art academy she had dreamed about for years. Excitement bubbled in her chest, but a knot of worry tugged at her as well. Leaving home meant saying goodbye to the comfort of her small town. She glanced at the fading light on the horizon, feeling as if the setting sun marked the close of one chapter and the beginning of another. Her younger brother ran past, laughing, and she realized how much she would miss these familiar sounds. Still, her heart beat faster with every thought of the city's studios, canvases, and endless opportunities. Lena stood, folded the letter carefully, and whispered, "It's time."


