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Symbolic Sensory Study

Directions: Read the short excerpt below. Then analyze how the sensory details support a theme or symbol. Answer the questions that follow.

A thin ribbon of smoke curled above the cabin roof as the last light of sunset slid behind the hills. The air tasted sharp with cold, and every sound seemed held still by the frozen evening. The faint glow from the cabin window flickered through the trees, offering a small but steady warmth against the dark woods stretching in every direction.

1. List at least two details for each sense that appear or are strongly implied.
 - Sight: _____
 - Sound: _____
 - Smell: _____
 - Taste: _____
 - Touch: _____
2. What **theme** or **symbol** do these sensory details reinforce?

3. **Explain the connection.** How do specific sensory details support the theme or symbol you identified?

4. Why might the author choose to highlight sensory imagery in this scene?

5. What emotion or message does the imagery create for the reader?

