

## Archetypes Think Sheet

An archetype is a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ that crosses \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ barriers. Because archetypes have similar meanings across \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, they evoke, or cause, a reader, listener, or viewer to make specific associations and call to his or her mind certain images and ideas.

Below is a list of some common archetypal symbols. Read through the list and write down any ideas, images, or meanings that come to your mind. What do you think each of the following archetypal symbols represents?

1. light

2. darkness

3. fire

4. crossroads or a fork in the road

5. Spring

6. Winter

7. The color red

8. The color purple



## Archetype Handout

Your mission: Use the information from the Archetypes PowerPoint to fill in the following information. Please fill in each blank and answer each question.

\*What is an archetype?

An archetype is an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, that occurs frequently and evokes strong, often unconscious, associations in the reader.

Archetypes occur across \_\_\_\_\_.

The first person to apply the term archetype to literature was \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ took Carl Jung's ideas and applied them to the cycle of the hero.

Archetypes are \_\_\_\_\_. They are the same across \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Their appearance in diverse cultures cannot be explained as many cultures are so separated by geography and time.

Archetypes are \_\_\_\_\_, appearing in slightly altered forms to take present day situations and relate them to the \_\_\_\_\_ to find \_\_\_\_\_ in a contemporary world.

\*What are some examples of archetypes?

The three major groups, or types, of archetypes are:

Some examples of character archetypes and their significance are:

Which contemporary characters from novels, movies, and television shows are archetypes?

Some examples of archetypal symbols and their meanings are:

Which symbolic archetypes are evident in contemporary literature?

Some examples of archetypal themes or situations and their significance are:

Which archetypal themes are evident in contemporary literature?

What is the difference between an archetype and a symbol?

Why do you think archetypes are so common across cultures? Why are they so popular?

Reflection: Choose an archetypal character, symbol, theme, or situation and explain why you think it is popular in so many different cultures.

