Symbols Speak

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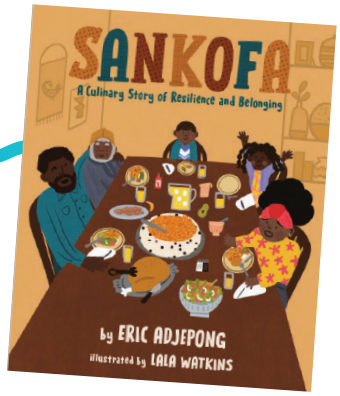

RESPOND to the image and meaning of the sankofa bird symbol. What message or words of wisdom are spoken by this bird? Discuss with classmates what it means to "seek lessons from the past" or "look back to get guidance on the future." Why do you think *Sankofa* is the title of this book and why was this symbol on the cover of Kofi's family's cookbook?

CREATE a sketch of a symbol that speaks. You might want to draw a symbol that is part of your culture and write a description of the wise advice your family says the symbol is sharing. Or you may draw the sankofa bird and write why you find its message of "remembering what you've forgotten" meaningful to you.

SYMBOL	NAME THE SYMBOL AND DESCRIBE ITS MESSAGE.

PRESENT the name of your symbol, illustration, and description. Provide a dramatic presentation where you assume the voice and personality of the symbol sharing its words of wisdom.

CONNECT this view of symbols to other icons seen around your community or in book illustrations. Reflect on the messages the symbols communicate. How can a simple sketch or outline convey a consistent, wise message? How can some visual messages be passed along from generation to generation and serve as a cultural emblem?

Note for teachers and parents:
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