

In her novel, Ruta Sepetys has placed a few key symbols that appear and reappear in the novel. As you may know, repeated symbols are called “motifs.” As you read, notice **the rock, the watch, cigarettes, the presence of art, darkness, and the sun**. Please take careful note of when, how, and why these images emerge:

The rock:

Page	Quote	Significance / Importance?
79	“Andrius found an oval stone full of quartz... Everyone passed it around, oohing and aahing.”	Small things can become a treasure, lift spirits.

The watch:

Page	Quote	Significance / Importance?
27	“That morning, my brother’s [life] was worth a pocket watch.”	

Cigarettes:

Page	Quote	Significance / Importance?
5	“He threw cigarette onto living room floor...we were about to become cig.”	Lack of respect

Art:

Page #	Quote	Significance / Importance?
38	<i>"Oh my word, Lina, did you draw that?" The librarian [said.] I nodded, smiling.</i>	Lina is proud of her artistic talent.

Darkness:

Page #	Quote	Significance / Importance?
13	"The streetlights had been turned off. It was nearly dark in the road."	It's hard to see what is in front. Soviets control light.

The sun:

Page #	Quote	Significance / Importance?
39	"The sun began to set."	Lina is trying to keep track of time. Time is passing by, running out?

Between Shades of Gray: Symbols and Motifs

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