

Themes, motifs, symbols etc

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Below are some of the themes, motifs, symbols, ideas and issues that are often discussed in relation to *Wide Sargasso Sea*. As you read the novel see if you can identify these within it and consider which you think are particularly important:

The narrator as an excluded or isolated individual

Journeys / Travel

Weather

Scenery

Light and dark

Fire

Birds

Wealth / Poverty

Identity

Imprisonment / Slavery

Escape

School / Learning / Knowledge

Magic

Reliability of the narrator as teller of truth

Deceit

Passion / Love / Lust

Disease / Decay / Death

Importance of society / Social class / Heritage

Role / power of women

Role / power of men

Madness