Definition

A motif is a recurrent image, idea, or symbol that develops or explains a theme. A motif can be seen as an image, sound, action, or other figure that has a symbolic significance, and contributes toward the development of a theme.

An example of a motif could be a rose, in Romeo and Juliet, that resembles love.

What is the effects Motifs have on a work of literature or story? What are the benefits.
Motifs are normally on the cover of books, and movies. Motifs are constantly reminding you that there are many ways to remember them is that motifs are like that strand of hair always in ur eyes.

The purpose of motifs are to show symbolism and add more depth to a storyline.
Luke wears black throughout, the return of the Jedi, symbolizing the possibility of him falling to the dark side. But after he faces the Emperor at the movie's climax and ultimately rejects the dark side, his jacket falls open to reveal that it was always white underneath.
What are some motifs in your favorite movie?

REMEMBER Motifs can be items, an action, color, dialogue, character, or musical theme.
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