

選拔 解答例

1. Write a summary of this article in about 200 words. Use your own words. Do not copy phrases from the passage.
2. Explain why silphium was so important to the Greeks and Romans.
3. The article says, “No other icon comes close to being used so often” as the heart icon is. In your opinion, what icon do you think is used most often after the heart? What does it represent?

1. This article talks about the history of the symbol of the heart and its association with feelings of love. The origins of the heart symbol are unclear, but the history may go back to the times of ancient Romans and a plant called silphium. The plant was very popular as medicine and as food seasoning, and its seed case was shaped like a heart. The associations of the seed case shape with romance might be the origin of the modern heart symbol today. By the middle ages, the heart was associated with love, and there is an image from a poem of a person offering his lover their heart. When more people learned to read, the heart was used more and more often, so the association of the heart with love became very strong. It was used in art with cupids, and on every day items like tapestries and playing cards. The heart was everywhere. Since the middle ages, when people feel love, they use the heart symbol. Today, it is the same. Maybe in the future the symbol that represents love will change, but for now, the symbol for love is the heart.

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2. The ancient Greeks and Romans used silphium for many things so it was very important to them. They used it as medicine, such as cough medicine or pregnancy prevention. But they also used it in practical ways, such as food seasoning. They also

loved it so much they used the image of the plant on their coins. Silphium was so important to the Greeks and Romans because it had many uses and they ate too much of it.

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3. In my opinion, the symbol used most commonly after the heart is the red cross. This is a symbol that is used all over the world in times of trouble and disaster, in every country. Many people see it and they know it is a safe place that means help or aid. When people see the red cross symbol, they know it is an international organization that is there to help. The red cross might also be used in newspapers or magazines when showing international relief work.

But, the red cross is not a popular symbol like the heart. It is an important international symbol, but we do not use it so often in daily life. For this reason, it is not as common as the heart. But because the red cross symbol is always used to help people in times of disaster, everyone knows it and can recognize it. For this reason, I think this is the second most used symbol in the world today.

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