

Lesson 9

Instruction: Complete the table below by identifying what major character in Noli me Tangere and El Filibusterismo symbolize in relation to colonial Philippine society.

| Character | Symbolism |
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| Crisostomo Ibarra | Symbolizes the idealism of the privileged youth. |
| Elias | He represents the Filipino masses or the common Filipino he wanted to liberate the people from the injustices suffered from the Spaniards. |
| Basilio | He represented the innocents who were wrongly accused of crimes they did not commit. The injustice they suffered under the hands of the authorities during their time were silenced by their deaths. |
| Sisa | She personified the suffering of the motherland. The tragic events that happened in her life which ruined her somehow mirrored the abuse that the motherland have received from her colonizers. |
| Padre Damaso | He represents the colonizers, and he was a symbol of all violence and reasons to fight against the colonizers of the Philippines and reclaim the sovereignty the Spaniards stole from the Filipinos. |