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The Briefcase and the Book

Directions: Read the definition of a symbol. Then complete the chart with information about two items in *Invisible Man* that have symbolic significance.

Symbolism is a form of figurative language. A symbol is what it is, but it also represents some- thing more abstract. For example, the rings worn by a married couple are decorative pieces of jewelry; they also represent commitment and love.

ITEM	LITERAL SIGNIFICANCE	SYMBOLIC MEANING
1. Briefcase		
2. Book		