

Wizard of Oz

DOROTHY	Everyman; innocent enough to see the truth before others. She loses her silver slippers when she returns to Kansas, but she is safe with her simple farm 'parents.' —Aunt Em and Uncle Henry. She ties all the characters of the book together, like all the characters of America. No matter how bad things get, "there's no place like home."
SCARECROW	Struggling farmer; ends up running Oz - farmer rules America.
TIN MAN	Urban industrial worker.
COWARDLY LION	William Jennings Bryan - only a roar and no courage Lion returns to the forest —with all the other politicians.
GOOD WITCH OF THE NORTH	Freedom of the North - freedom from old slavery.
WICKED WITCH OF THE EAST	East coast industrial bondage of workers; killing her frees the common folks. (Munchkins)
WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST	Large industrial corporations: Railroad interests, mining interests. Dies by water - represents end of the frontier and introduction of irrigation in the West.
WINGED MONKEYS	Indians and failed farmers - bondage of people once free to roam land.
EMERALD CITY - OZ	President's place; Emerald City to seek favors from President. Money solves all problems, hence the green glasses worn by all in Emerald City (book).
WIZARD OF OZ	President - only powerful as long as deceiving people. Appears bigger than life, but in reality is only a common man. Wizard from Omaha, Nebraska, — place the populist movement began.
OZ	Stands for measure weight of gold — ounces.
YELLOW BRICK ROAD	Gold standard of the USA.
SILVER SLIPPERS (book)	Silver standard desired by the Populists. (Controlled by the Wicked Witch of the East until Dorothy's entrance to Oz)
POPPY FIELD	Opium
BEES, CROWS, WOLVES (book)	Represents plagues; work together and you can destroy them.
THE POWERS-THAT-BE ONLY SURVIVE BY DECEPTION. ONLY PEOPLE'S IGNORANCE ALLOWS THE POWERFUL TO MANIPULATE AND CONTROL THEM!!!	