

'Symbol' (pub. 12.01.15-13:51). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-notes-topical-geometry-3>.

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**Term:** Symbol

**Quote:** Signs are of three kinds,

1st, the *icon*, which represents its object by virtue of a character which it would equally possess did the object and the interpreting mind not exist;

2nd, the *index*, which represents its object by virtue of a character which it could not possess did the object not exist, but which it would equally possess did the interpreting mind not operate;

3rd, the *symbol*, which represents its object by virtue of a character which is conferred upon it by an operation of the mind.

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A *symbol* is a sign which represents an object by virtue of having a character imputed to it by an operation of the interpreting mind.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1899-1900 [c.]). *Notes on Topical Geometry*. MS [R] 142.

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