

Figure 9.3 Symbolism in *The Wizard of Oz*

Character/Symbol	Represents
Dorothy	Average American Citizen
Scarecrow	Farmers
Tinman	Industrial workers
Lion	William Jennings Bryan, leader of the populist party and silver movement leader
Emerald City	Washington D.C. and its focus on money/ all things green
Oz	Abbreviation for gold
Yellow Brick Road	The Gold Standard
Munchkins	Citizens of the east who wanted to keep the Gold Standard in place
Silver Slippers (Ruby slippers in the movie)	The answer was right under the citizen's nose: adding silver to the economy

Source: Silverstein (2015)