

Need another word that means the same as “archetype”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “archetype” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Archetype” are: original, pilot, personification, embodiment, incarnation, paragon, typification, type, prototype, representative, stereotype

Archetype as a Noun

Definitions of "Archetype" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “archetype” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *(in Jungian theory) a primitive mental image inherited from the earliest human ancestors, and supposed to be present in the collective unconscious.*
- *A recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology.*
- *Something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies.*
- *A very typical example of a certain person or thing.*
- *An original which has been imitated; a prototype.*



Synonyms of "Archetype" as a noun (11 Words)

- embodiment** A new personification of a familiar idea.
*It was in Germany alone that his hope seemed capable of **embodiment**.*
- incarnation** The form taken by a person or thing during an incarnation.
*In a previous journalistic **incarnation** I worked at Westminster.*
- original** An original creation i.e. an audio recording from which copies can be made.
*This painting is a copy of the **original**.*
- paragon** An ideal instance; a perfect embodiment of a concept.
*It would have taken a **paragon** of virtue not to feel viciously jealous.*
- personification** A figure intended to represent an abstract quality.
*He was the very **personification** of British pluck and diplomacy.*
- pilot** Something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies.
*A strike by local airline **pilots**.*

prototype	A standard or typical example. <i>He is the prototype of good breeding.</i>
representative	A person who represents others. <i>The Cambodian representative to the UN.</i>
stereotype	A conventional or formulaic conception or image. <i>Regional stereotypes have been part of America since its founding.</i>
type	Metal types used in letterpress printing. <i>She s not really my type.</i>
typification	A representational or typifying form or model.



Usage Examples of "Archetype" as a noun

- *Mythological archetypes of good and evil.*
- *An instrument which was the archetype of the early flute.*
- *He was the archetype of the old-style football club chairman.*



Associations of "Archetype" (30 Words)

archetypal	Representing or constituting an original type after which other similar things are patterned. <i>Archetypal myths.</i>
beginning	The background or origins of a person or organization. <i>He had risen from humble beginnings to great wealth.</i>
creative	A person whose job involves creative work. <i>Creative work.</i>
creatively	In a creative manner. <i>This article inspires you to think creatively.</i>
emboss	Carve, mould, or stamp a design on (a surface or object) so that it stands out in relief. <i>They used special tools to emboss the leather.</i>

<u>epitome</u>	A person or thing that is a perfect example of a particular quality or type. <i>She looked the epitome of elegance and good taste.</i>
example	A thing characteristic of its kind or illustrating a general rule. <i>There is an example on page 10.</i>
<u>exemplar</u>	A person or thing serving as a typical example or appropriate model. <i>The place is an exemplar of multicultural Britain.</i>
<u>groundbreaking</u>	The ceremonial breaking of the ground to formally begin a construction project. <i>Groundbreaking research into fertility problems.</i>
herbarium	A room or building housing a herbarium.
<u>imaginative</u>	(used of persons or artifacts) marked by independence and creativity in thought or action. <i>Making imaginative use of computer software.</i>
inaugural	An inaugural speech especially one made by an incoming US president. <i>His inaugural concert as Music Director.</i>
<u>inception</u>	The establishment or starting point of an institution or activity. <i>She has been on the board since its inception two years ago.</i>
<u>incipient</u>	Only partly in existence; imperfectly formed. <i>An incipient black eye.</i>
initial	Mark with one s initials. <i>Initial consonants.</i>
initially	At the beginning. <i>Initially he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>
innovative	Being or producing something like nothing done or experienced or created before. <i>Is British industry innovative enough.</i>
<u>instance</u>	An example or single occurrence of something. <i>A serious instance of corruption.</i>
<u>inventive</u>	Marked by independence and creativity in thought or action- Lewis Mumford. <i>Inventive ceramics.</i>
manuscript	A book, document, or piece of music written by hand rather than typed or printed. <i>Several manuscripts in his own hand.</i>
model	Create a representation or model of. <i>Model citizens.</i>

mythological	Relating to, based on, or appearing in myths or mythology. <i>The tree of life is one of the oldest of all mythological symbols.</i>
<u>original</u>	An original creation i e an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>The original performance of the opera.</i>
<u>paradigm</u>	The class of all items that can be substituted into the same position or slot in a grammatical sentence are in paradigmatic relation with one another. <i>Society's paradigm of the ideal woman.</i>
paradigmatic	Of or denoting the relationship between a set of linguistic items that form mutually exclusive choices in particular syntactic roles. <i>His biography is paradigmatic of the experiences of this generation.</i>
prototype	Make a prototype of a product. <i>The construction of bandpass networks from low pass prototypes.</i>
<u>quintessential</u>	Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class. <i>He was the quintessential tough guy strong silent and self contained.</i>
<u>sample</u>	Take a sample of. <i>They shared these characteristics with other women in the sample.</i>
<u>specimen</u>	An individual animal, plant, piece of a mineral, etc. used as an example of its species or type for scientific study or display. <i>A specimen paper of the new test.</i>
unabridged	(used of texts) not shortened. <i>An unabridged edition.</i>

