

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**.*

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

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



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

<b>mythological</b>	Relating to, based on, or appearing in myths or mythology. <i>The tree of life is one of the oldest of all <b>mythological</b> symbols.</i>
<b><u>original</u></b>	An original creation i e an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>The <b>original</b> performance of the opera.</i>
<b><u>paradigm</u></b>	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 <b>paradigm</b> of the ideal woman.</i>
<b>paradigmatic</b>	Of or denoting the relationship between a set of linguistic items that form mutually exclusive choices in particular syntactic roles. <i>His biography is <b>paradigmatic</b> of the experiences of this generation.</i>
<b>prototype</b>	Make a prototype of a product. <i>The construction of bandpass networks from low pass <b>prototypes</b>.</i>
<b><u>quintessential</u></b>	Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class. <i>He was the <b>quintessential</b> tough guy strong silent and self contained.</i>
<b><u>sample</u></b>	Take a sample of. <i>They shared these characteristics with other women in the <b>sample</b>.</i>
<b><u>specimen</u></b>	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 <b>specimen</b> paper of the new test.</i>
<b>unabridged</b>	(used of texts) not shortened. <i>An <b>unabridged</b> edition.</i>

