

Identifying Themes

A theme is the main idea in a literary work. The theme is a statement the author is making about the topic through the literary work. For example:

Topic: hard work

Theme: People who work hard succeed.

Topic: education

Theme: Without education, a person's potential is limited.

Writers express theme in a story through:

- What the characters think and say
- How the characters feel about events in the story
- What the characters learn in the story
- Story events and how the characters respond to them.



DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. Identify the theme. Then provide three citations from the text to support your answer.

Theme: _____

Citation #1

Citation #1

Citation #2

