



Theme in Literature

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The theme of the story is that the boy ran fast in the race.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: The poem's theme is trees because it describes a forest.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: The theme is the main character because she is brave.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. To support a theme, readers must find _____ from the text that proves the message.
2. In a story where a character lies and loses a friend, the theme is that _____ is important for keeping friendships.
3. A reader can identify the theme by asking what _____ the author wants the reader to learn.
4. When a poem repeats the line 'never give up,' the poet is reinforcing the theme of _____.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Read: Sam was afraid to swim, but his sister encouraged him every day. By summer's end, Sam swam across the whole pool. What is the theme? Cite evidence.

2. Read: Maria copied her friend's homework to get a good grade, but when the teacher found out, both girls got zeros. What theme does this support? Use evidence.

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: *The theme of the story is that the boy ran fast in the race.*

Rewrite: The theme of the story is that believing in yourself helps you overcome challenges.

2. Fix the sentence: *The poem's theme is trees because it describes a forest.*

Rewrite: The poem's topic is trees, but its theme is that nature provides peace and comfort.

3. Fix the sentence: *The theme is the main character because she is brave.*

Rewrite: The theme is that courage means standing up for what is right even when you are afraid.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. To support a theme, readers must find evidence from the text that proves the message.
2. In a story where a character lies and loses a friend, the theme is that honesty is important for keeping friendships.
3. A reader can identify the theme by asking what lesson the author wants the reader to learn.
4. When a poem repeats the line 'never give up,' the poet is reinforcing the theme of perseverance.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Read: Sam was afraid to swim, but his sister encouraged him every day. By summer's end, Sam swam across the whole pool. What is the theme? Cite evidence.

The theme is that encouragement from loved ones helps us overcome our fears. Sam's sister encouraged him every day, and by the end of summer he could swim across the whole pool.

2. Read: Maria copied her friend's homework to get a good grade, but when the teacher found out, both girls got zeros. What theme does this support? Use evidence.
