



Theme in Literature

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

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2. Fix the sentence: The theme of the story is jealousy because the older sister is jealous of the baby.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: The theme is the setting because the story takes place in a small village.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A character's _____ often reveals the theme because it shows what the character values.
2. The main _____ in a story is the problem or struggle that drives the plot and often points to the theme.
3. In a story where a bully apologizes after seeing how much pain he caused, the theme is about taking _____ for your actions.
4. When a character solves a problem by listening to others, the theme may be that good _____ leads to understanding.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Read: Rosa wanted to be class president. She made promises she could not keep and lost the election. The next year, she made honest promises and won. What is the theme? Cite evidence.

2. How can a story's conflict help you figure out the theme? Give an example.

Part A: Fix the Sentence

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Rewrite: **The theme of the mystery novel is that patience and attention to detail help you find the truth.**

2. Fix the sentence: The theme of the story is jealousy because the older sister is jealous of the baby.

Rewrite: **The topic of the story is jealousy, but the theme is that learning to share love makes a family stronger.**

3. Fix the sentence: The theme is the setting because the story takes place in a small village.

Rewrite: **The setting is where the story takes place, but the theme is the life lesson, such as 'A close community can overcome any challenge.'**

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A character's **actions** often reveals the theme because it shows what the character values.
2. The main **conflict** in a story is the problem or struggle that drives the plot and often points to the theme.
3. In a story where a bully apologizes after seeing how much pain he caused, the theme is about taking **responsibility** for your actions.
4. When a character solves a problem by listening to others, the theme may be that good **listening** leads to understanding.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Read: Rosa wanted to be class president. She made promises she could not keep and lost the election. The next year, she made honest promises and won. What is the theme? Cite evidence.

The theme is that honesty earns trust and respect. Rosa lost when she made false promises but won the next year when she was truthful, showing that people value honesty.
