



Theme in Literature

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

1. Read: Jake's best friend moved away. Jake felt lonely until he started writing letters. His friend wrote back, and they stayed close for years. What is the theme?

- A) Friendship
- B) True friends support each other through difficult times.
- C) Jake wrote letters to his friend who moved away.
- D) The story takes place over many years.

2. Read: Mia failed her science project three times. Each time she studied her mistakes and tried again. On the fourth attempt, she won first place. What is the theme?

- A) Science projects are hard to complete.
- B) Perseverance leads to success even when challenges seem impossible.
- C) Mia is a very smart student.
- D) Winning first place is the most important goal.

3. Read: A knight was ordered to capture a dragon, but he saw the dragon was protecting its babies. He told the king the truth and refused the order. What is the theme?

- A) Dragons are dangerous creatures.
- B) Knights must always obey the king.
- C) The knight saw baby dragons in the cave.
- D) Courage means doing what is right even when you are afraid.

4. Read: Tom blamed his sister for breaking a vase, but he had done it. When his sister was punished, Tom felt terrible and confessed. His parents thanked him for being honest. What is the theme?

- A) People can learn and grow by admitting their mistakes.
- B) Vases break easily if you are not careful.
- C) Tom's sister was unfairly punished by their parents.
- D) Tom is a careless boy who breaks things.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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2. When a story could have more than one theme, readers should choose the one with the strongest _____.
3. The theme 'Hard work pays off' is supported when a character _____ and eventually succeeds.

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3. The theme 'Hard work pays off' is supported when a character perseveres and eventually succeeds.
4. A character's growth throughout the story often reveals the theme.