



Theme in Literature

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

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- B) Droughts are the most dangerous natural disasters.
- C) Cooperation during hardship benefits everyone more than conflict does.
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- C) Age does not determine what a person is capable of achieving.
- D) Nina was already a talented sewer before her grandmother's problem.

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2. When two possible themes seem to conflict, readers should reread key **scenes** to decide which fits