



Theme in Literature

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. In a fable, the theme is often stated directly as the _____ at the end of the story.
2. The fable of the ant and the grasshopper teaches that _____ during good times prepares you for hard times.
3. Folktales from different countries often share _____ themes because people everywhere face similar challenges.
4. In the story of the boy who cried wolf, the theme is that _____ lose trust when they lie repeatedly.
5. Unlike modern stories, fables usually use _____ as characters to represent human qualities.
6. A folktale about a greedy king who loses everything teaches the theme that _____ leads to loss.
7. The _____ of a fable is not just what happens but the deeper lesson about human behavior.
8. A story where a small mouse saves a mighty lion shows that even the _____ creature can make a big difference.
9. When readers connect a fable's moral to their own experiences, they are applying the theme to real _____.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each fable or folktale summary to its theme.

A dog drops his bone in the water trying to grab the reflection of a bigger bone.



Gentle persuasion is more powerful than force.

A crow uses

Greed for more

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. In a fable, the theme is often stated directly as the moral at the end of the story.
2. The fable of the ant and the grasshopper teaches that planning during good times prepares you for hard times.
3. Folktales from different countries often share universal themes because people everywhere face similar challenges.
4. In the story of the boy who cried wolf, the theme is that people lose trust when they lie repeatedly.
5. Unlike modern stories, fables usually use animals as characters to represent human qualities.
6. A folktale about a greedy king who loses everything teaches the theme that greed leads to loss.
7. The theme of a fable is not just what happens but the deeper lesson about human behavior.
8. A story where a small mouse saves a mighty lion shows that even the smallest creature can make a big difference.
9. When readers connect a fable's moral to their own experiences, they are applying the theme to real life.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each fable or folktale summary to its theme.

A dog drops his bone in the water trying to grab the reflection of a bigger bone.

→ Being greedy for what others have may cause you to lose what you own.

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