



Theme in Literature

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. When the theme is not stated directly, readers must _____ it from clues in the story.
2. An _____ theme is one the reader figures out from the characters' actions, not from a stated moral.
3. The author's _____ is the reason an author writes a story, and it often connects to the theme.
4. In a story where a wealthy man gives away his fortune and finds happiness, the implicit theme is that _____ cannot buy joy.
5. Readers look at a character's _____ and dialogue to figure out the implicit theme.
6. An author who writes about a child overcoming bullying likely wants readers to understand the importance of _____.
7. When a story ends with a character regretting a selfish choice, the author implies a theme about the cost of _____.
8. The _____ of a story is where events wrap up and often where the theme becomes clearest.
9. A repeated _____ or image in a story can be a clue to the theme the author wants readers to discover.

Part B: Matching

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

1. Match each story detail to the implicit theme it suggests.

A girl keeps a diary and writes about her feelings after her parents' divorce.

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Integrity means doing right even when no one is watching.

A boy refuses

Lifting others

Part A: Fill in the Blank

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1. When the theme is not stated directly, readers must infer it from clues in the story.
2. An implicit theme is one the reader figures out from the characters' actions, not from a stated moral.
3. The author's purpose is the reason an author writes a story, and it often connects to the theme.
4. In a story where a wealthy man gives away his fortune and finds happiness, the implicit theme is that money cannot buy joy.
5. Readers look at a character's behavior and dialogue to figure out the implicit theme.
6. An author who writes about a child overcoming bullying likely wants readers to understand the importance of courage.
7. When a story ends with a character regretting a selfish choice, the author implies a theme about the cost of selfishness.
8. The ending of a story is where events wrap up and often where the theme becomes clearest.
9. A repeated symbol or image in a story can be a clue to the theme the author wants readers to discover.

Part B: Matching

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

1. Match each story detail to the implicit theme it suggests.

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Writing about feelings helps us understand and heal from hard experiences.

Integrity means doing right even when no one is watching.

A boy refuses to cheat on a test even

Lifting others up makes the