

# Identifying Themes in Literature

In preparation to analyze the development of theme in a text, students will review what theme is and how to identify theme in stories.

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## Observe A Problem Or A Challenge

Hook

What is the problem or challenge students will observe to get hooked?  
How do you find the theme in a story?

## Watch A Video Or Demonstration

Inform

Title of what students will watch:  
Theme VS central idea

Directions for students  
Pay attention for how you can find theme in a story

Activity Resource(s)

[http://youtu.be/IIBE\\_LA7\\_Fs](http://youtu.be/IIBE_LA7_Fs)  
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## Share

Practice

What will students share?  
Students will share their initial ideas about how to determine theme. They will share with a group.

Directions for students  
In a group, share 3 main ideas about how you would determine theme in a story. Be ready to share with the class.

What do you anticipate students will think during this practice? (optional)  
Students might get stuck on the topics of stories, instead of the theme.  
Students might have really complicated ways of explaining theme.

How can you respond to encourage student learning? (optional)  
Make sure students look at themes as "life lesson".  
Also, make sure students work on simplifying their directions.

## Create Something

Apply

Describe what the students will need to create  
Create a poster on how to find themes in literature

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