

# 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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