

Finding the Theme

A theme can be defined as the underlying meaning of a story. Often, it's a broad message about life and can be important because a story's theme is part of the reason why the author wrote the story.

Big Idea or Topic

What the text says that demonstrates the big idea

Direct quotes from the text

Message from the story

Theme

What are some examples of theme?

Key Ideas and Details

RI.2 Anchor Standard

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.