

## Theme

A theme is a statement about how things are in the world. Themes often focus on these issues:

- The nature of humanity
- The nature of society
- The relationship between humanity and nature
- Ethical responsibility

The following concept words may help you think about theme. You may add words to this list.

tradition	courage	freedom	fear	defeat
dignity	survival	forgiveness	aggression	compassion
peace	success	evil	discrimination	hope
duty	suffering	perseverance	ambition	betrayal

1. Choose the term you feel is the major (dominant, repeated) subject of the story.

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2. What is the author saying about this idea? This is the theme or the message. Write it in the form of a sentence.

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3. List 2-3 pieces of specific evidence from the story that explain why you think this is the theme (message) of the story.

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