

Theme: the central subject, underlying message, or unifying idea of a piece of writing, art, music, or conversation

To find theme: look at how the main characters change, what they learn, and how the main conflict is resolved

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Common Themes

found in literature

Love Literature with characters who show love to one another.	Friendship Literature with characters who develop trust and loyalty with one another.	Courage Literature with characters who take risks and show bravery to overcome a problem.	Hope Literature with characters who believe in a better world.
Fairness Literature with characters who treat or learn to treat one another in a fair way.	Kindness Literature with characters who are friendly and generous to others.	Acceptance Literature with characters who learn to accept and respect the others and their differences.	Greed Literature with characters who want more of something.
Responsibility Literature with characters who follow through with things they are supposed to do.	Jealousy Literature with characters who want things that others have.	Revenge Literature with characters who try to get back at someone.	Bravery Literature with characters who have strength and courage to overcome a fear or take a risk.
Survival Literature with characters who are faced with life or death situations and fight to survive.	Peace Literature with characters who work for freedom from disagreements.	Cooperation Literature with characters who work together to solve a problem or achieve a goal.	Compassion Literature with characters who understand how others are feeling and to make it better.
Honesty Literature with characters who feel it is best to tell the truth all of the time.	Loyalty Literature with characters who trust each other and never turn their backs on their friends.	Perseverance Literature with characters that never give up.	Sportsmanship Literature with characters who follow the rules of games and play fair.

