

## Warm-Up 8/19

If you had to choose a theme for your life, what would it be and why?

# THEME- WHAT IS IT?

A **theme** is a universal message or truth about life.

A theme is the moral or life lesson that the character(s) and/or reader learns.

It may give a short lesson about life



*"You can't always get what you want."*

# THEME- WHAT IS IT?

**Theme** is the central message expressed in a story.

A stated theme is expressed directly by the author.

An implied theme is suggested, or state indirectly through what happens to the characters.

A universal theme, or a recurring theme, is a message about life that is expressed regularly in many different cultures and time periods.

The theme is a sentence or phrase, it is NOT a word!!!

## **STATED Theme Example:**

In Robert McNeil's "The Trouble with Television," the title states the theme of the piece:

*There are problems with television.*

# THEME IN MUSIC

## **“Tie My Hands” – Lil’ Wayne**

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My whole city under water, some people still floatin’...

Take away the football team, the basketball team,

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**THEME:** The hopelessness and desperation of a deserted city.

# THEME IN MUSIC

## “Hot N Cold” – Katy Perry

Cause you're hot then you're cold, you're yes then you're no. You're in then you're out, you're up and you're down. You're wrong when it's right, you're black when it's white. We fight, we break up. We kiss, we make up.

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**THEME:** Roller-coaster relationships and fickle partners are frustrating.



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## “Miss Independent” – Neyo

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Miss Independent, ooh the way we shine  
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**THEME:** Independent women deserve love and respect.



# THE PROCESS

**Step 1:** Identify the major characters

**Step 2:** Identify the character(s) beginning situation

*What is the character(s) thinking or doing at the beginning of the story?*

**Step 3:** Identify the character(s) end situation

*What is the character(s) thinking or doing at the end of the story?*

**Step 4:** Ask yourselves what the character(s) learn throughout the story

**Step 5:** Match your answer with the multiple-choice answer it fits most closely

# EXAMPLE

There once was a lumberjack who stood by the edge of a lake, cutting wood. He was having a tough time with a log, and winging his axe back powerfully to give a good whack, he accidentally let go and his axe plunged into the deep water.

Realizing that he'd just lost the main tool of his trade, he sat on the edge of the pool and began to weep. Just then, a water nymph appeared. She asked what was wrong, and the man explained what happened. "Fear not," she told him. "I will retrieve your axe for you."

With that, she dove into the water, and came back up with a golden axe. When she learned it was not the one he lost, she dove back down, coming up again with a silver axe this time. Again, the man told her that it was not his. On her third try, the nymph retrieved the very same axe the man had lost. Impressed with his honesty, she allowed him to keep all three.

When he returned to the lumberyard, he told the other workers what had happened. One less-than-honest man headed down to the lake himself, and intentionally threw his axe in. Then, he sat on the edge of the water and began to cry. When the nymph appeared, he explained his situation. Again, she dove into the water and pulled up a golden axe. "Is this the one you lost?" she asked.

"Yes! Yes! That's it!" the man cried, seizing the prize from her hand.

"No it isn't," she replied, grabbing it back from him. "And for your dishonesty, you now have no axe at all!"

With that, she disappeared.

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# YOUR TURN- GUIDED PRACTICE #1

The Wind and the Sun were disputing which was the stronger. Suddenly they saw a traveler coming down the road, and the Sun said: "I see a way to decide our dispute. Whichever of us can cause that traveler to take off his cloak shall be regarded as the stronger. You begin." So the Sun retired behind a cloud, and the Wind began to blow as hard as it could upon the traveler. But the harder he blew the more closely did the traveler wrap his cloak round him, till at last the Wind had to give up in despair. Then the Sun came out and shone in all his glory upon the traveler, who soon found it too hot to walk with his cloak on.

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# YOUR TURN- GUIDED PRACTICE #2

A Wolf found great difficulty in getting at the sheep that were protected by the shepherd and his dogs. But one day it found the skin of a sheep that had been shaved and thrown aside, so it put it on over its own fur and strolled down among the sheep. The Lamb that belonged to the sheep, whose skin the Wolf was wearing, began to follow the Wolf in the Sheep's clothing. So, leading the Lamb a little apart, he soon made a meal off her, and for some time he succeeded in deceiving the sheep, and enjoying hearty meals.

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# EXIT SLIP

King Midas wants more and more gold and is finally granted his wish: Everything he touches will turn to gold. The Midas touch! He is ecstatic, as even the flowers become gold under his powerful touch. Unfortunately, when King Midas touches his daughter, she turns into a gold statue, and it is at that moment he realizes that all the gold in the world does not compare to his daughter or her love.

What is the main theme of this passage?

- a. Gold is worth more than love.
- b. Golden statues are expensive.
- c. Be careful what you wish for.