6B Writing: "Biderbiks Don't Cry" — Theme Pack	et
<u>Directions:</u> USE PENCIL. Complete each of the following parts of this packet in	
order — the notes, the outline, and the pencil draft.	
<u>Assignment</u> : Write a well-written, well-organized, and well-developed paragraph	l
— with a topic sentence, supporting details, and an insight statement — in which	
you name a significant theme topic and theme message for Avi's "Biderbiks Don't	
Cry." Name the <i>theme topic</i> in your topic sentence; support your interpretation of	
the theme topic with a meaningful <i>quote</i> (from the climax) in your supporting	
details; develop your quote using the SEE method; and name the theme message as	
your real-world insight.	
Notes	
<u>Directions</u> : To help you prepare for your paragraph, complete the notes below.	
1. Fill in the blank lines below with <u>a quote</u> from the climax that most powerfully	
reveals the theme topic and theme message of the story. You may use an ellipsis	
or multiple ellipses to shorten your quote here. (You'll need a tag for the final ¶	·.)
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2.	In a word or a short phrase, name the <i>theme topic</i> for your quote:
3.	In a single sentence, name the <i>theme message</i> for your theme topic; follow the
	Guidelines for Writing a Theme Message from your notes:
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	<u>Outline</u>
<u>Di</u>	rections: In the space below, use your notes to help you outline your paragraph.
<u>T</u>	Sentence: Provide the title, the author, your main idea (theme topic), and a
"fo	cus" on your evidence / quote; write only 1 sentence:

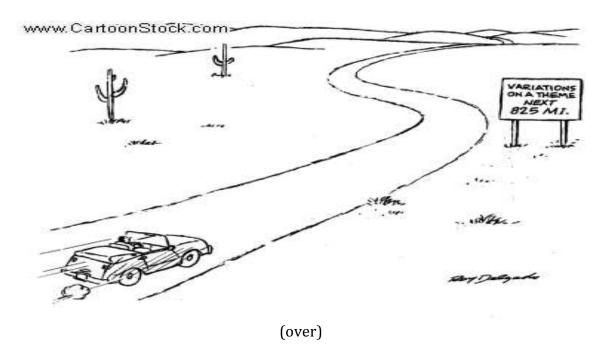
Supporting Details : Provide your quote, developed using the S.E.E. method.	
Summary: Write 5- lines (10- hand-written) of background information that put	
your quote in context. Include only as much plot summary as a reader <i>unfamiliar</i>	
with the story needs to understand the meaning and significance of your quote.	
Evidence: Provide a QUOTE from the CLIMAX that expresses your interpretation	of
the theme. You may use an ellipsis (-es) to shorten your quote here. Your quote	
may be 1–4 lines of text. [In your final ¶, use as much of the quote as you need.]	
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Explanation : Write 5+ lines (10+ lines hand-written) explaining <i>HOW</i> your quote							
supports your main idea. Here, you should interpret, read between the lines, make							
inferences, and analyze. Focus on the text, not the real world; don't add new plot.							
What deep ideas does the quote reveal? How does it support your topic sentence?							

Insight Statement: Make a text-to-world connection that states a *theme message* for your theme topic. Include the 4 parts of a good insight statement, in this order:

- 1. conclusive transition (see below)
- 2. text reference (refer to your quote)
- 3. "springboard" (illustrates, demonstrates, reveals, suggests, implies, etc.)
- 4. real-world insight stating your *theme message*; write only 1-2 sentences.

Conclusive Transitions: ultimately, so, basically, essentially, overall, etc. Do *not* use "in conclusion" as a conclusive transition.



Pencil Draft

<u>Directions:</u> USE PENCIL. Use your outline to help you write a well-written, well-
organized, and well-developed theme paragraph. Work neatly! Erase mistakes!
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