

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Learning Target:

8.RL.2 Determine a theme or central idea and analyze how its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.

## Formative Assessment Rubric

Elements	Theme	Plot/Setting	Character
<b>4 Distinguished</b>	The story has a clear, realistic, inferred theme.	The setting plays a crucial role in the theme of the story. The plot is intentionally developed to build a strong theme through the characters interactions and reactions to events.	The character actions and reactions are clearly developed and carefully interwoven into the development of the plot to create a strong inferred theme.
<b>3 Proficient</b>	The story has a clear, realistic, stated theme.	The setting plays a vital role in the plot and the theme. The events of the story strongly connect to the theme of the story.	The actions and reactions of the characters in the story lend to the plot development and the overall theme of the story.
<b>2 Apprentice</b>	The story has a stated theme.	The setting is appropriate for the theme. The events of the story lead to a simple theme.	The actions of the characters are part of the plot and demonstrate the theme.
<b>1 Novice</b>	The story has no theme.	The is no setting. The events of the story do not connect to theme.	The actions of the characters do not reveal the theme.

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