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>> Writing Task <<

Theme



In literature, theme is the central message of the text. It is a message that the author wanted to impart on his/her audience. The theme is usually developed through the characters' actions and dialogue. Sometimes the theme is explicitly stated, but in most cases, the theme is revealed gradually in the text.

Determine the theme of (or one of the themes of) the novel, and write a detailed, one-paragraph response that briefly summarizes the plot and identifies and analyzes the theme.

Paragraph Title

Paragraph Elements

1. **Topic sentence:** What is this paragraph about? (*genre, title, author,*)
2. **Summary:** Keep the summary brief and concise. This should be 3-4 sentences. Effective summaries do not contain any opinion.
3. **Identify the theme:** State what the theme of this novel is.
4. **Cite textual evidence:** Provide a quote that illustrates the theme and cite it in MLA format. A quote cannot stand alone as a sentence. It needs to be introduced.
5. **Explain:** How does the quote you selected show or demonstrate the theme of the novel?
6. **Expand on the theme:** Provide another example from this novel that reveals this theme.
7. **Cite textual evidence:** Provide a quote that illustrates the theme and cite it in MLA format.
8. **Explain:** How does this quote show or demonstrate the theme of the novel?
9. **Concluding statement:** provide a final thought about the theme.

Paragraph Brainstorming Notes

1. In the novel _____ by _____,

3. The theme of the (novel/chapter) is _____
because _____
4. For example, (explain what is happening in the story before the quote), " _____

_____ " (_____).
5. This event helps reveal the novel's theme of _____
because _____

6. Another example that shows the novel's theme is when _____

7. For example, (explain what is happening in the story before the quote), " _____

_____ " (_____).
8. This event helps further reveal the novel's theme because _____

9. In conclusion, _____

