

Identifying Theme

A theme is the central message or idea in a literary work. A theme is not the same as a topic. The theme is a statement the author is making about the topic through the literary work. For example:

Topic: love

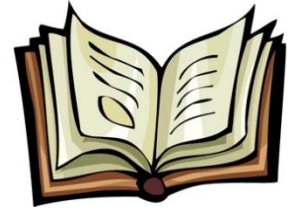
Theme: Love conquers all.

Topic: hope

Theme: Victory is still possible as long as there is hope.

Writers have four ways to express theme in a story:

- What the characters think and say
- How the characters feel about events in the story
- What the characters learn by the end of the story
- The events of the story and the actions characters take



DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. Identify the theme. Then provide three citations from the text to support your answer.

Theme: _____

Citation #1	
Citation #2	
Citation #3	