



Theme vs. Summary

The theme is a statement the author is making about a topic through the literary work. A summary is a brief statement that tell you the main points of a text.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Is it a summary of a story or a statement of theme? Circle the correct answer.

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| 1. A woman who thinks the best part of her life is behind her adopts a dog who changes her perspective and her life. | theme | summary |
| 2. Happiness comes from within you, not from things outside of you. | theme | summary |
| 3. A dog who gets separated from his family finds his way back to them despite running into many obstacles on the way. | theme | summary |
| 4. The most successful businesses are about mission, not money. | theme | summary |
| 5. A friendship grows when two strangers spend the night together in a broken-down car. | theme | summary |
| 6. Courage means being afraid and doing what you have to do anyway. | theme | summary |
| 7. A girl invents a machine that makes teachers obsolete. | theme | summary |