



Theme vs. Summary

DIRECTIONS: Each set of sentences describes the same literary work. Identify which is the statement of theme and which is a short summary.

1. Theme is statement: _____ Summary is statement: _____

- A. A young man discovers that the girl he has fallen in love with is the daughter of an international criminal.
- B. There are some boundaries that not even love can cross.

2. Theme is statement: _____ Summary is statement: _____

- A. The stories of our lives are written before we are born.
- B. An unwed mother of three follows the guidance of her guardian angel and finally meets the love of her life.

3. Theme is statement: _____ Summary is statement: _____

- A. Every relationship has its limits.
- B. When a woman discovers her husband has become involved in a money-laundering scheme, she decides to leave him.

4. Theme is statement: _____ Summary is statement: _____

- A. Two children discover a dead body in the woods and become the next targets of a gang of killers.
- B. Some people are unlucky and nothing can help them.