



Theme vs. Summary

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The theme is a message or concept that the author wants the reader to take away from a literary work.

2. A theme can be stated in a single word.

3. A summary is a synopsis of the main points of a text. It is what the story is "about" in the abstract sense.

4. A theme is what the story is "about" in the concrete sense.

5. A theme is expressed through the story events.

6. A theme is expressed through the thoughts, actions, and feelings of the characters about the story events.

7. A theme is expressed through what the characters learn from their story.

8. A summary describes the overall plot and the main characters of a story, but not the story's theme.
