

Name _____ **Theme vs. Summary**

Campfire Stories: Theme or Summary?

The Problem - At Camp Pine Ridge, the camp counselors have been telling stories around the campfire. Unfortunately, they accidentally mixed up their **themes** and **summaries**! Your job is to help sort them correctly.

Summary: Tells what happened in the story.

Theme: The lesson or message the reader can learn.

Examples

The siblings learned to work together after getting lost. → Summary

Working together helps solve problems. → Theme

Directions - Read each statement. Write **T** if it is a **Theme** or **S** if it is a **Summary**.

- ___ 1. Kind actions can have a positive impact on others.
- ___ 2. A young girl practiced the violin every day until she earned first place in a competition.
- ___ 3. A nervous student joined the drama club and discovered new talents.
- ___ 4. Trying new things can help people grow and learn.
- ___ 5. Three friends worked together to clean up a local park.
- ___ 6. A boy admitted he broke a neighbor's window and apologized for his mistake.
- ___ 7. Honesty builds trust between people.
- ___ 8. A lost puppy found its way home after several days of searching.
- ___ 9. Persistence helps people overcome challenges.
- ___ 10. Two sisters learned to share after arguing over a new bike.
- ___ 11. Working together can make difficult tasks easier.
- ___ 12. A camper helped a younger student find her missing backpack.

