

Theme: The message or lesson the author wants you to take away after reading the story.

Other names for theme: lesson, moral, author's message

### Common Topics for Themes ("Big Ideas")

- Courage
- Dreams
- Acceptance
- Fears
- Peace
- Never giving up
- Equality
- Hope
- Kindness
- Friendship
- Being yourself
- Overcoming differences
- Honesty
- Love
- Home
- Jealousy
- Hard work
- Doing the right thing

Ask:

- What did the characters learn?
- How did the characters grow or change?
- Why did the characters act this way?

Sentence Frame:

"I know the theme of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."

"I know this because in the text/story/passage,

\_\_\_\_\_."