

## Lesson 13

### Materials Needed:

-  Pen or pencil
-  The Novel you have selected to read
-  Dictionary
- or {
  - Highlighter
  - Post-it notes

### Theme

The theme is the author's message to the reader. Many themes in literature reflect universal values like love, humor, or respect. Some are common expressions like "Money can't buy happiness." Sometimes the theme is a moral like "Look before you leap." There can be more than one theme in a book.

Here is a list of common themes in literature. Read the list and decide which three could best fit your book. For each choice tell why you believe it could be the theme and tell what the author's message is. If you have another theme in mind for your book, feel free to use it.

- Overcoming adversity builds strength.
- Friends are loyal to one another.
- Clear thinking solves problems.
- Family comes before friends.
- It takes courage to try something new.
- Don't be afraid of what people think.
- A brave person faces danger.
- Love is more important than money.
- Power corrupts people.
- Leaders put their followers first.
- Natural beauty needs to be preserved for future generations.
- Objects can be destroyed but values are enduring.
- The old ways still have value.
- It is best to combine the old with the new.
- There is strength in diversity.

- Be proud of who and what you are.
- Hatred and anger only lead to more hatred and anger.
- Sometimes the needs of others have to come first.
- Be true to yourself.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Treat others as you want to be treated.
- Dare to be different.
- Respect all human beings.
- Human emotions are the same the world over.
- Lessons in life can be learned from children.
- The more things change, the more they stay the same.
- Little things give meaning to life.
- Look inside yourself before criticizing others.
- Don't be afraid to dream.
- Kindness is its own reward.
- Disabilities do not lessen a person's worth.
- Learning can never be taken away.
- Appreciate what you have today; you never know what tomorrow brings.
- Animals can feel human emotions and deserve love and respect.
- A person who does something bad is not necessarily a bad person.
- Be careful what you wish for.
- Knowledge is power.
- Good intentions are not enough to make things happen.
- Money can't buy happiness.
- You're not a failure until you stop trying.



Theme 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Why I think this was a theme in my book.


The author's message is


Theme 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Why I think this was a theme


The author's message is


Theme 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Why I think this was a theme


The author's message is


Use the space below to write down any questions you have for your mentor or PASS contact person.




**End of Lesson 13**