

Determining Theme

Theme is a message the writer wants to communicate to the reader through a story. It can be a “life lesson” that is oftentimes learned by the main character as he/ she encounters conflict.

Protagonist

What do you know about the main character’s personality, opinions, fears, challenges? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Antagonist

What do you know about the antagonist’s motives for destroying the protagonist or his/her plans? Provide evidence from the text to support

Trials

What conflicts does the main character encounter throughout his/ her journey? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Changes

How does the protagonist change because of these conflicts?

Does he/ she learn any life lessons (this can oftentimes come in the form of advice from another character)?

Theme

Write a one sentence generic statement expressing the “message” you can take from this story. Base this on a lesson the main character learned while facing conflict.