

# Theme

The theme is the "BIG IDEA" or the lesson the author wants you to take away after reading the story.

To help you identify the theme you can ask yourself these questions after reading a story.

1. What was the problem or issue in the story?
2. What did the characters learn?
3. How did the characters feelings or actions change in the story?

Unlike the summary and main idea of a story, themes are general and could apply to multiple stories.

## Common Themes

Friendship

Family

Jealousy

Love

Hard Work

Acceptance

Overcoming Challenges

Courage

Loyalty

Respect

Team Work

Self Confidence

Hope

Honesty