

DETERMINING THEME

The theme is the **real-world life lesson** that a story teaches the reader.

Here are some example Themes:

- Hard work pays off.
- Differences are what makes us special.
- Family is important.
- One should always be kind to others.

There were two men that lived in the same town. Po was very rich. He threw lavish parties at his home and had expensive cars. Lon, on the other hand, worked hard every day, but barely had enough money to pay his bills. When he came home, he was exhausted from working, but happy to be able to spend time with his family. Lon was jealous of Po and all of his money. One day, Lon heard that Po had passed away. No one had gone to Po's funeral, and he had died a very unhappy man. Lon hugged his family close that night and realized just how rich he really was.

This story teaches the reader a lesson that money is not everything. It teaches the reader that family can bring you happiness, but money does not. Possible themes for the story are "money does not bring you happiness" and "family is more important than money."

Identifying Theme

Read each card, then choose the best answer from the choices provided.

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1. First & Last Name *
