

Worksheet 5. Thinking about Themes

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In literature, a theme is an author's view about the universal truths in life that reflects his or her understanding about how people behave and how the world wags. A theme is presented indirectly within the elements of a story and the reader is expected to extract it. There can be multiple themes in a work of fiction, but there is usually one major theme that binds all the story elements together. It is not just a topic (e.g., friendship); it is an idea (e.g., a true friend does not go away when things get tough).

Instructions: The chart below lists some themes; devise storylines an author might develop to create and convey those ideas.

Theme	Storyline