

Writing Thematic Statements

Determine a Thematic Idea: What universal idea is present in your story or poem? Use the list of suggestions below, but if you don't know what a word means, skip it. This is not an exhaustive list, by any means.

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Examples of Thematic Statements:

Courage allows people to attempt difficult tasks in their lives

Thematic Idea

tasks which most might not undertake

statement about thematic idea

when there is a chance of failing.

qualifying clause

Independence is necessary to grow up, though it can be scary at times, especially when challenged by others.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty of simplicity • Capitalism – effect on the individual • Change of power – necessity • Change versus tradition • Chaos and order • Character – destruction, building up • Circle of life • Coming of age • Communication – verbal and nonverbal • Companionship as salvation • Convention and rebellion • Dangers of ignorance • Darkness and light • Death – inevitable or tragedy • Desire to escape • Destruction of beauty • Disillusionment and dreams • Displacement • Empowerment • Emptiness of attaining false dream • Everlasting love • Evils of racism • Facing darkness • Facing reality • Fading beauty • Faith versus doubt • Family – blessing or curse • Fate and free will • Fear of failure • Female roles • Fulfillment • Good versus bad • Greed as downfall • Growing up – pain or pleasure • Hazards of passing judgment • Heartbreak of betrayal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heroism – real and perceived • Hierarchy in nature • Identity crisis • Illusion of power • Immortality • Individual versus society • Inner versus outer strength • Injustice • Isolation • Isolationism – hazards • Knowledge versus ignorance • Loneliness as destructive force • Losing hope • Loss of innocence • Lost honor • Lost love • Love and sacrifice • Man against nature • Manipulation • Materialism as downfall • Motherhood • Names – power and significance • Nationalism – complications • Nature as beauty • Necessity of work • Oppression of women • Optimism – power or folly • Overcoming – fear, weakness, vice • Patriotism – positive side or complications • Power and corruption • Power of silence • Power of tradition • Power of wealth • Power of words • Pride and downfall • Progress – real or illusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quest for discovery • Quest for power • Rebirth • Reunion • Role of men • Role of Religion – virtue or hypocrisy • Role of women • Self – inner and outer • Self-awareness • Self-preservation • Self-reliance • Social mobility • Technology in society – good or bad • Temporary nature of physical beauty • Temptation and destruction • Totalitarianism • Vanity as downfall • Vulnerability of the meek • Vulnerability of the strong • War – glory, necessity, pain, tragedy • Will to survive • Wisdom of experience • Working class struggles • Youth and beauty |
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