



Analyzing Themes and Central Ideas

Today's Standard

11-12.RL.2 - Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

Cues	Notes
What are themes?	Themes are underlying messages or central ideas in a text.
How do themes develop?	Themes develop through character actions, plot events, and dialogue.
What is an objective summary?	An objective summary provides a concise, unbiased overview of the text.
How do themes interact?	Themes can interact by building on each other to enhance the narrative.
Examples of complex themes?	Complex themes can be found in literature like 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and 'The Road'.

Summary

Understanding and analyzing themes in literature involves identifying central ideas, tracking their development, and summarizing the text objectively. This skill is essential for deep literary analysis.