



Identifying Themes in Literature

Today's Standard

6.RL.2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

Cues	Notes
What is a theme?	A theme is the underlying message or lesson of a story.
How is a theme conveyed?	A theme is conveyed through specific details, characters, and events in the text.
What is a summary?	A summary is a brief statement of the main points of a text, distinct from personal opinions.
Why is objective summarization important?	Objective summarization ensures that the summary is based on the text itself, not influenced by personal feelings.
Common misconceptions about themes?	Common misconceptions include confusing theme with main idea or plot, and including personal opinions in summaries.

Summary

Understanding the theme of a text involves identifying the underlying message or lesson and recognizing how it is conveyed through specific details. Summarizing a text objectively is crucial for accurate comprehension.