



## Theme Analysis and Development

### Today's Standard

8.RL.2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.

Cues	Notes
What is a theme?	A theme is the central idea or message in a text.
How is a theme different from the plot?	The plot is the sequence of events; the theme is the underlying message.
How can you identify a theme?	Identify a theme by looking at the characters, setting, and plot development.
What is an objective summary?	An objective summary is a brief retelling of the main points without personal opinion.
How does the theme relate to characters, setting, and plot?	The theme is developed through the interactions and growth of characters, changes in setting, and progression of the plot.

### Summary

Understanding the theme involves analyzing the central idea and its development through characters, setting, and plot, and providing an objective summary.