



Analyzing Theme Development

Today's Standard

9-10.RL.2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

Cues	Notes
What is a theme?	A theme is a central idea or message about life or human nature.
How to identify a theme?	Identify themes by looking for repeated ideas or messages throughout the text.
What details contribute to theme development?	Specific details like character actions, dialogue, and plot events contribute to theme development.
How to summarize a text objectively?	Objective summaries include the main points without personal opinions or interpretations.

Summary

Understanding and analyzing themes involves identifying central ideas, recognizing key details that develop these ideas, and summarizing texts objectively.