



## Theme Analysis and Summary

### Today's Standard

7.RL.2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing themes in novels and movies; Writing book reports; Creating summaries for articles; Understanding the main idea in news stories

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main message, or theme, in a story and how it changes throughout the story. We also learned how to write a summary that tells the main points without adding our own opinions.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think that the theme of a story is the same as what happens in the story, but it's actually the message the story is trying to tell. Another problem is that kids might add their own thoughts when summarizing a story, but a good summary should only include the main points from the story itself.

### Quiz Me

- What is a theme in a story?
- How can you find the theme of a story?
- What should you not include in a summary?
- What is the difference between a theme and the plot?
- Why is it important to know the theme of a story?

### Help Me

A theme is the main message or lesson in a story. For example, in many fairy tales, the theme might be that good always wins over evil. Knowing the theme helps us understand what the story is really about. When we summarize a story, we just tell the main points without saying what we think about it. This helps us focus on the important parts of the story.

