

Theme Diagram

A *Theme* is the central idea or message in a story. Themes are usually expressed as generalizations about life. *Universal themes* are lessons or ideas that apply to different cultures, places and time periods.

Directions: Use the diagram to determine the theme of the text. First, record what the *topic* or *subject* of the text is. Next, answer the following questions and determine what the theme is.

Selection Title:	Topic:
How does the protagonist change throughout the story?	
How is the story's main conflict resolved?	
What does the title of the story suggest?	
Statement of the theme:	