

## Tried-and-True Tools for Finding Theme

1. Write the topic of your book, short story, or narrative poem here:
  
2. Write what the characters think about the topic here:
  
3. Think about what you learn from numbers 1 and 2 and ask yourself: What did I learn about people, families, friends, enemies, war, death, accidents, peer pressure, school, wealth, or poverty?

### POSSIBLE THEMES:

### Tip Box of Topics That Become Themes

*Use these common and often repeated themes to help you discover the theme(s) in your story or book.*

ambition	faith	hope	justice	peer pressure	success
choices	family	human needs	loss	power	war
courage	freedom	identity	love	prejudice	
differences	friendship	independence	loyalty	revolution	
dreams	growing up	jealousy	materialism	secrets	

## Zoom In on Details to Find Main Ideas

**PASSAGE:** (title of text and page number of passage)

**DETAIL 1:**

**DETAIL 2:**

**DETAIL 3:**

**TOPIC OF PASSAGE:**

**MAIN IDEAS OF PASSAGE:** Use the topic and details to find the main ideas.

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**ENTIRE TEXT:**

**DETAIL 1:**

**DETAIL 2:**

**DETAIL 3:**

**DETAIL 4:**

**TOPIC OF TEXT:**

**MAIN IDEAS FOR THE ENTIRE TEXT:** Use the topic and details to find the main ideas.