Theme

## Theme-- the main idea or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a literary work.

A theme is a general insight about life or people that is usually implied. It might suggest a moral or a lesson regarding life, but it doesn’t need to. Think of a message/ theme for your story and incorporate it into your story. Maybe you could add a small incident early on and then develop it throughout. Imply your theme but DO NOT directly state your theme in your work.

If you need ideas, think about the stories we’ve read or movies that leave you with a lasting impression. Think about what you learned and what message you want to leave with your readers.

## **Examples of themes:**

-Honesty is the best policy

-Love is the greatest gift

-Greed destroys the soul

-Maturity means putting others first

-Money doesn’t make you happy

-Justice for all mankind

What is your theme?

How will you incorporate your theme into your story?