

## Reflecting on the Learning Pathway: How to Study a Theme

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| Theme/Message: _____   | Book Title: _____ |
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| When you think about a theme, try to say it in your own words. What is the theme/ message of this story? Can you say it in your own words?   |                   |
| Good readers look for a theme right from the beginning of a story. Where do you start to see the theme in this book? What detail starts to show the theme?   |                   |
| Authors often show a theme by how characters think and act. Is there a place where the main character makes a choice that shows he or she has learned an important lesson? What detail shows this lesson?  |                   |
| When you're looking for a theme always check the title for clues. Do the words in this title give you any clues about the theme? What are the clues?   |                   |
| Authors want readers to think about the theme even after they've finished the book. Does the theme in this book give you important ideas to think about in your own life? What are these ideas? How can these ideas change the way you think or act? |                   |
| Lots of authors write about the same theme. Can you think of any other books that have this same theme? How are they alike? How are they different?  |                   |