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Reading Standards for Literature – Theme



DIRECTIONS:

- 1) **Read and annotate** (make notes on) the story/poem. Examples of annotations:
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| -I think... | -This is similar to... | -This shows that... |
| -I wonder... | -This is an example of... | -This reminds me of... |
| -I can predict ... | -I can relate... | -This character is like... |

- 2) **Determine 2-3 themes or central ideas** about the main idea of the story/poem.

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- 3) **Choose one of your themes** from above:

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Go back to the story/poem and **highlight 2-3 pieces of textual evidence** to support this inference.

- 4) **Write a paragraph(s)** supporting your **theme** by citing at least two pieces of evidence (look back at your highlighted evidence).

How to cite: Put what you copy word-for-word from the story/poem in "quotation marks."

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