

Finding Theme



THE MESSaGE

Track the concrete details of the story here.

Characters:

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Settings:

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Major Events:



Theme vs Main Idea

Moral, Message, or Lesson	1 sentence summary of what story is about
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-----	But -----
-----	So -----
-----	Or -----
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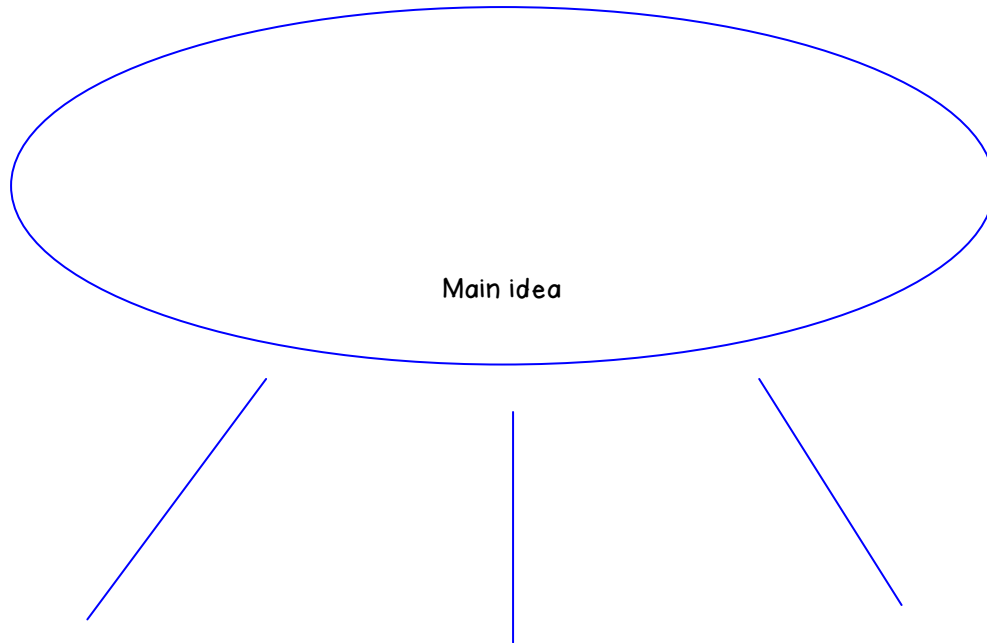
What does the Main Idea have that the Theme doesn't? -----

How are the theme and the main idea alike? -----

How are they different? -----



What's the Big Idea?



What the characters say and do to support it

The Message:

Essential Questions

1. How did the character react to obstacles? _____

2. What important decisions did the character make? _____

3. How did the character grow and change as the story progressed? _____

4. What did the character learn? _____

5. How does the story make you feel? _____

6. What did the author want you to think about? _____

7. What idea stays with you? _____

8. What will you remember about the story a year from now? _____



Many Themes

Often a book will have more than one theme. Use this chart to track the themes you find. On the right side, quote places in the text that support the theme.

THEME	PROOF FROM TEXT

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