Theme Questions

APE Literature and Composition

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Theme

* central idea or meaning of a story
* provides a unifying point around which plot, characters, setting, point of view, symbols and other literary elements are organized
* may be explicit or implicit
* THEME$\ne $ SUBJECT
* statement about subject – expresses some view of the human condition
1. What is a potential theme in the work?
2. Is it stated directly, or is it developed implicitly through the plot, characters, or some other element?
3. Does the theme confirm your values, or does it challenge them? How?