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| **Theme:** | Life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, meaning, **moral**, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature that is communicated by a literary work.  **Theme Notes** |
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| In other words… | **Theme is what the story \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ readers.** |
|  | A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is **not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, it is **a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. |
|  | You don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the theme to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. |
| **Examples** | *Money can’t buy happiness.*  *Don’t judge people based on the surface.*  *It is better to die free than live under tyranny.* |
| **Identifying Themes:** | **Themes** **are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (clearly stated). |
|  | **Themes** **are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** |
|  | **Themes are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the story** |
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|  | **Themes are about the big picture.** |
| What Themes Are Not | *Not “Yellow Starbursts taste bad”*  *Not “Judy and Carrie are bad friends.”* |
|  | **Think BIGGER.**  **Find “Real” World advice.** |
| **REVIEW** | 1. Theme is what we can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a story. |
|  | 1. Themes must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
|  | 1. Themes are about the BIG \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

**Now… let’s practice!!**

**The Ant and the Grasshopper**- Aesop

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| In a field one summer’s day a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart’s content. An Ant passed by, bearing along with great toil an ear of corn he was taking to the nest. |  |
| “Why not come and chat with me,” said the Grasshopper, “instead of toiling and moiling in that way?” |  |
| “I am helping to lay up food for the winter,” said the Ant, “and recommend you to do the same.” |  |
| “Why bother about winter?” said the Grasshopper; “we have got plenty of food at present.” But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil. When the winter came the Grasshopper had no food, and found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer. Then the Grasshopper knew   1. What did the grasshopper learn? (1 sentence) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. List some **evidence from the text** that helped you get your answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |