



Thinking About Theme Reflection Cards

IS

- ✓ the moral, lesson, or message the author wants you to learn
- ✓ a real world connection

A THEME

IS NOT

- ✓ a summary
- ✓ a message specific only to your story

Directions: After reading a fiction passage or a book, use these reflection cards to talk or write about the theme of that text.

What is the moral, lesson, or message that the author wants you to learn?

Give a brief summary of the story. How does your summary differ from the theme?

Can you apply this theme to your own life? If so, describe a time in your life when you experienced this theme.

What evidence in your text supports the theme?

In one sentence, state the theme of your text.

Have you read other stories that have this theme? If so, name one story and describe how that author taught you a similar theme.

List four common themes that you have learned about in class or noticed in your readings.

Which character learned a lesson? What type of changes or growth did you notice about this character?

Think about the events in your life. What is one theme that describes a lesson you have recently learned?