

8th Grade ~ Theme Chart

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Definition of Theme:

The central idea or the “message” implied

The theme is seldom stated directly. It is a concept indirectly expressed through recurrent images, actions, characters and symbols. It must be inferred by the reader.

Theme differs from subject or topic in that the theme is an observation or insight about the subject. For example, the subject of a poem may be a flower; its theme may be a statement about nature.

Select one major theme from your summer reading, and write it in the box below.

Theme

In 2-3 sentences, define the theme you chose.

In 2-3 sentences, state what message the author is trying to convey about this theme.

Name three instances in the story where this theme is evident. Provide a quotation from the book as evidence of the theme.

Quote #1

(page. _____)

Quote #2

(page _____)

Quote #3

(page _____)