

The Quilt

A theme is an abstract idea that is expressed through a work of art. In this case the work of art is a piece of literature. What abstract idea was Mr. Paulsen trying to express in *The Quilt*? Some possibilities might include: courage, duty, love, loyalty, perseverance, suffering, ...

Choose one that you think fits this book: _____

Write what you THINK the definition of that idea is (a prediction or guess):

Now, look up the definition in the dictionary and write it down (were you close):

Write some other words you would say are related to your theme word:

Draw a picture to express that idea:

Write 1-2 sentences explaining the picture:

Make a list of at least three events in the story that you think relate to that theme:

1.

2.

3.

4.

On another sheet of paper, write 1-2 paragraphs claiming your theme as THE theme for *The Quilt*. Support it with detailed examples from the story. This will be a type 3 writing.

FCAs:

1. Clear statement of the theme (2 pts)
2. Explanation of the theme (definition) (2 pts)
3. Support of the "why" from the story (3 supports)
(6 pts)

Don't forget to write the FCAs on the paper (upper left corner), title the writing and skip lines.