

Independent Reading
Theme Blog Post

Your theme blog post will need to be submitted by Friday, Dec. 13 (4:00 pm). It will be a minimum of two paragraphs explaining the primary theme of your book. The post should be in the English category with the tags: Independent Reading, Literary Theme, title of your book. This will be a type 3 writing so create it in pages first as we'll print a copy for your writing folder as well.

Write an essay on the primary theme of your novel. What is the central idea, the big idea, the primary message of your book? First, tell us about the theme and be sure to define it. This explanation is not from the book; it is to be sure that your readers understand what you're talking about before you start the "why" you chose it. Then, in a second paragraph you need to provide reasons for your choice, citing specific evidence from the story.

FCAs:

1. Clear statement of the theme (with title and author of the novel) (3 pts)
2. Explanation of the theme (definition) (3 pts)
3. Support of the "why" from the story (3 minimum) (9 pts)

Clear statement of the theme

- 3 pts--Clear statement of theme with title and author
- 2.5 pts--Clear statement of theme missing title or author
- 2 pts--Statement of theme, but somewhat unclear

Explanation of theme

- 3 pts--Complete definition of the theme--shown, not told
- 2.5 pts--Theme told, but not shown (mostly dictionary style definition)
- 2 pts--Brief, dictionary definition only

Support #1

- 3 pts--Theme choice supported with well-explained evidence from the story
- 2.5 pts--Evidence provided, but not fully explained (vague references, not specific)
- 2 pts--Brief statement of the reason, but not elaborated

Support #2

- 3 pts--Theme choice supported with well-explained evidence from the story
- 2.5 pts--Evidence provided, but not fully explained (vague references, not specific)
- 2 pts--Brief statement of the reason, but not elaborated

Support #3

- 3 pts--Theme choice supported with well-explained evidence from the story
- 2.5 pts--Evidence provided, but not fully explained (vague references, not specific)
- 2 pts--Brief statement of the reason, but not elaborated

Additional points: 1 pt category, 3 pts for tags, 1 pt for title of your story in the post title