

# What Is a Theme?

Using stories and poems that you have read, list a topic in the first column, write a theme related to that topic in a complete sentence in the second. In the third column,

write the same theme as a moral such as those found in children's stories or Aesop fables.

Topic	Theme	Moral
Self-centered nature of people	People act in their own best interest.	People should not be so self-centered.
War	War is gruesome death.	War is wrong. We should not have war.
Hypocrisy	People are hypocritical.	People should not be so hypocritical.
Equality	People are not all capable of the same things.	We should not try to make all people the same—our differences are good.

1. What is a moral? How is a moral stated?
2. What is a theme? Where are themes found?