

Exploring Themes in Literature

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Loneliness and Friendship in Because of Winn-Dixie

Name: _____

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about themes in the story.

1. What are the three main themes mentioned in the lesson?

- A. Love, Trust, Forgiveness
- B. Loneliness, Friendship, Forgiveness
- C. Joy, Sadness, Friendship

2. How does loneliness lead to friendship in the story?

3. The themes of loneliness and friendship are completely unrelated in the story.

- True False

4. A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for ____.

5. Which theme shows how characters can support each other through tough times?

- A. Loneliness
- B. Friendship
- C. Forgiveness

6. Can you find examples of forgiveness between characters in Because of Winn-Dixie? Please describe one.

7. The theme of forgiveness enhances the theme of friendship in the story.

- True False

8. Themes in stories can support and enhance each other, just like ____ and friendship do in Because of Winn-Dixie.

9. How do these themes show God's love?

- A. They depict friendship as a burden
- B. They illustrate how relationships can heal
- C. They prove that we should be alone

10. What was the most surprising theme connection you discovered in the story?

Answer Key

1. Loneliness, Friendship, Forgiveness 2. Loneliness makes characters seek each other out, forming bonds that turn into friendships. 3. False 4. adversity 5. Friendship 6. Opal forgives her father for being absent, which helps her heal and connect with others. 7. True 8. loneliness 9. They illustrate how relationships can heal 10. I was surprised to see how loneliness can actually lead to forming strong friendships.