

Midyear Review and Assessment

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Exploring Themes in Stories

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Answer the following questions based on your understanding of themes and evidence in literature.

1. What is a theme in a story?

- A. The main character's name
- B. The message the author wants to share
- C. The events that happen in the story

2. What makes a theme different from just a plot summary?

3. Good readers look for ____ in the text to support themes.

4. Themes can only be about friendship and love.

- True False

5. Which of the following is an example of a theme?

- A. The hero saves the day
- B. Friendship is important
- C. The story takes place in a forest

6. How can we find evidence for a theme in a story?

7. Proverbs 2:6 teaches that Yahweh gives ____ and understanding.

8. Themes develop only at the beginning of a story.

- True False

9. What should we do when we analyze a story for themes?

- A. Ignore the characters
- B. Look for messages and evidence
- C. Just read it quickly

10. What themes did you discover in your short story analysis?

Answer Key

1. The message the author wants to share 2. A theme is the deeper message or lesson in the story, while a plot summary just tells what happens without explaining the meaning. 3. evidence 4. False 5. Friendship is important 6. We can look for quotes, character actions, and events that show the theme throughout the story. 7. wisdom 8. False 9. Look for messages and evidence 10. I discovered themes of courage and friendship in the story, as the characters helped each other in difficult times.