

Universal Themes Review

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Understanding Themes in Literature

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about universal themes.

1. What is a universal theme?

- A. A specific event in a story
- B. A big idea that appears in many stories
- C. A character's name

2. How can understanding universal themes help us relate to others?

3. According to Ecclesiastes 3:1, there is a time for every ___ under heaven.

4. The theme of sacrifice is not considered a universal theme.

- True False

5. Which of the following is NOT one of the five key universal themes discussed?

- A. Courage
- B. Friendship
- C. Technology

6. Why do you think the theme of redemption is important in both literature and the Bible?

7. Proverbs 24:16 teaches us that a righteous man may fall seven times but will ___ up again.

8. Friendship is a theme that helps us understand human experiences better.

- True False

9. What does personal growth in a story often reflect?

- A. Static characters
- B. Characters learning from their experiences
- C. Unrelated events

10. Can you think of a story where a character shows courage? Describe the situation briefly.

Answer Key

1. big idea that appears in many stories 2. Understanding universal themes helps us see that people share similar experiences, feelings, and challenges, making us more empathetic and connected. 3. purpose 4. False 5. Technology 6. The theme of redemption shows how people can change for the better and find hope, which is a vital message in both stories and our faith. 7. rise 8. True 9. Characters learning from their experiences 10. In 'The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe', Peter shows courage when he fights the wolf to protect his siblings.