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Identify Themes in Literature: Graphic Organizer

In literature, a **theme** is the key message or lesson of a story. It is usually an observation about the world or a lesson that could apply to any person, not just the story's characters.

In many stories, the theme isn't openly stated. You must look at how the details in the story fit together to express the theme. Try it yourself! Pick a story you've read recently. What key message is the author trying to get across through this story?

Title: _____

Theme: This is the key message or lesson in the story.

Details: These are the story elements (events, character reactions, word choices, etc.) that help express the theme.

Text Evidence: Where in this text did you find this detail? Include the specific quote and page number.

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