

ANALYZING A STORY'S THEME

Title of Selection: _____

Author: _____

Questions to Help Clarify Theme	Responses (with Examples from the Story)
1. Does the title signify something about the story? Does it point to a truth the story reveals about life?	
2. Does the main character change during the course of the story? Does the main character realize something he or she did not know before?	
3. Are any important statements about life or people made in the story, either by the narrator or characters in the story?	
4. Is the theme ever directly stated? If so, where is it stated?	
5. In one sentence, state the story's theme. Do you agree with the theme? Is the writer presenting a truth about life or forcing us to accept a false view?	