

Finding the theme in a novel (see <http://www.ck12.org/Book-Search/Themes-in-a-Novel/>)

Theme is the central idea behind, or insight about life in general or human behavior that a story reveals.

Writers often express their theme through the way their characters change and grow through the novel. Conflict between the main character(s) and/or their environment is a story can help reveal the theme of a novel. Think about these things as you try to find your novel's theme by filling in the form below.

What is the title of your chosen novel?	
What is the story about in 1 sentence?	
How does the main character change or grow over the course of the novel?	
What is the central conflict in the novel?	
How is this conflict resolved?	
What does the title suggest about the idea behind the novel?	
What do you think the central theme of the novel is?	

Now compare your answers with a partner who has read the same book as you. Do they