

Ten Common Themes

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- 1) **Adversity leads to personal growth** – Adversity may lead to the loss of wealth and status but lead to inner growth that would not have happened otherwise.
- 2) **Crime does not pay** – No matter how smart a criminal is the perfect crime is impossible. This may not necessarily be due to a hero but due to accidents, lack of honor among thieves and internal flaws that are part of being a criminal.
- 3) **Death is part of life** - Literary works with this theme show how death and life are intricately connected.
- 4) **Family comes first** – Family is more important than wealth, career advancement, personal happiness, nationalism and/or other important things.
- 5) **Good always triumphs over evil** – The good guy always wins no matter what resources the villain has at his or her disposal.
- 6) **Love conquers all** - Love conquers all despite economic circumstances, geography, family objections and other obstacles.
- 7) **Relationships require sacrifice** - This is the idea that you can't have friends if you don't act like a friend.
- 8) **Revenge is poison** - Revenge ultimately destroys the person who pursues revenge.
- 9) **Sacrifices bring reward** - Sacrifices and hard work pay off in the end, despite the challenges along the way.
- 10) **Truth and happiness are not the same thing** – Sometimes you have to choose between the truth and happiness.