Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS THEME?

1. The central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a literary work.
2. The idea the author wishes to convey about a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (war, courage, etc.).
3. Expressed as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or general statement about human nature / life.
4. Implied by the reader; not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the author.

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| A THEME IS NOT…1.2.3. | A THEME IS…1.2.3. |

HOW TO FIND THE THEME:

1. List \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ found in a text (love, friendship, war, etc.).
2. Begin a sentence with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Finish the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a statement about the topic.
4. Revise by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the words “The author believes that…” and words like “you” and “should.”

CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE:

**PROMPT: What is the theme of “The Necklace” or the theme of “The Most Dangerous Game”? Provide examples from the text to support your response. Be sure to explain your ideas.**

1. **Topic sentence:** The theme of “The Necklace” by Guy de Maupassant is…. The theme of The “Most Dangerous Game“ by Richard Connell is.... (Always include the title and author!)
2. **Example from text:** Include a specific example from the story that helps demonstrate the theme. This may be a direct quote or a specific incident from the story.
3. **Reasoning:** This shows the theme because...

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