

“NO GUITAR BLUES”

Figuring out the Theme of a Story:

When trying to come up with a theme for a story, think about these things:

1. Figure out a Big Topic of the story
2. Think about how this topic shows up in the story from beginning to end
3. Based on the whole story, determine what the author thinks is TRUE about this Big Topic.

In “No Guitar Blues,” which of these Big Topics is the strongest or most important?

- Greed
- Telling lies
- Kindness to strangers
- Giving generously
- Feelings of guilt

I think the Big Topic of “No Guitar Blues” is _____.

Now, find at least three quotes from the story (beginning, middle, end) that support your choice, then explain how each quote shows something about the Big Topic.

Quote from the story (a word-for-word copy of a sentence or phrase from the story)	What this quote shows about the Big Topic

Use the information from above to develop a theme statement. Think of a sentence that works for the real world outside of the story.

Theme Statement: