

Theme Paragraphs

First, ask yourself this question.

What message is the author trying to get across to us through the story?

*The answer to this question will be the **topic sentence (thesis)**.*

Next, ask this question.

What happens in this story that shows this?

*The answer to this question will be the **evidence sentence**.*

Next, ask this question.

What does this example from the story show us?

*The answer to this question will be our **elaboration sentence**.*

Next, ask this question.

What else does this example from the story show us?

*The answer to this question will be our second **elaboration sentence**.*

Finally, ask this question.

What is the result of the ideas above?

*The answer to this question is the **conclusion**.*

Now let's get started.

What is the theme of this story? (In other words, what is this central message that the author wants to get across to the reader)

Topic Sentence:

In the story “ _____ ”, by _____, the author wants the reader to understand ...

Evidence:

We see an example of this when ...

Elaboration:

This example from the story show us that ...

Elaboration # 2:

This example also shows us ...

Concluding Sentence :

As a result, we learn that ...

