

PURPOSE: The student learns to determine various themes of stories.

Strategy 2 - Instructions for Using VARIOUS Themes

1. Select a story with a recognizable theme (message or lesson).
2. After reading a story, review the story elements (see story mapping).
3. To complete the chart, fill in the story title and ask the student:
 - a. Who is the main character?
 - b. Where did the story take place (setting)?
 - c. What is the main character's problem?
 - d. How did the main character solve the problem?
 - e. What happened at the end (outcome)?
 - f. What is the theme of the story?
4. Add personal stories. The goal is for the student to recognize these themes outside of the story.
5. For additional information or as a study group, read the article written by Lord (2014), *Theme Comprehension: Beyond the Details*.

THEME CHART						
STORY	Main Character	Setting	Problem	Solution	Outcome	Theme
The Tortoise and the Hare	The Tortoise and the Hare	A Race	The tortoise wanted to win a race	He kept moving along slowly	He won the race	Always Keep Trying (Perseverance)
Billy Goats Gruff	The Troll	At a bridge	Wanted to eat the goats			Don't be Greedy (Greed)

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