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## Finding Common Themes

**Directions:** Answer these questions as you reread "The Fisherman and His Wife" and "The Gift of the Little People."

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1. Which of these themes is common to both stories?

the importance of friendship

how unreliable magic is--you can't count on it

power makes people behave badly

2. Write a sentence saying that the two stories share the theme you checked in the list above. (This is your claim.)

3. Write two reasons why you believe the stories share this theme.

4. Describe at least one detail from each story that supports each of the reasons you wrote.



Be sure to check your answers and look for mistakes!

