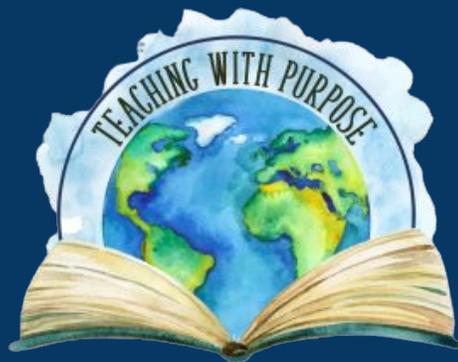


Theme Task Cards

Theme/Literary Device Centers



A Note to Educators



Thank you for downloading this resource! Using this resource is an excellent way to review theme. Students can highlight, underline and identify the elements of the story that support the theme. These could also be used in centers that work on various literary elements review. Visit the other areas of the membership resources for task cards reviewing other literary elements to combine for one comprehensive literary review.

Theme Task Cards Student Worksheet

Story 1-

Thematic topic-

Thematic statement-

Most important elements from the story-

Story 2-

Thematic topic-

Thematic statement-

Most important elements from the story-

Story 3-

Thematic topic-

Thematic statement-

Most important elements from the story-

Story 4-

Thematic topic-

Thematic statement-

Most important elements from the story-

Story 1-

▪ Luke trudged through the airport as his parents rushed ahead of him, excited to start their vacation. They had booked a trip to Hawaii and thought Luke would be beyond excited, but instead, they got a reaction that was far less enthusiastic. How could his parents possibly think he would be excited to leave his friends and his life for ten days. He couldn't use his cell phone for the whole time which means, no friends, no internet, no fun. Did they even know him?

▪ The first few days of the trip were pretty miserable for Luke. He spent his time pouting, refusing to have fun. His parents thought all hope was lost and things weren't looking up when they told them their volcano excursion started the next morning at 3 am. Luke was furious and contemplated refusing to go.

▪ Luke survived the early alarm clock and the van ride to the top of the volcano. Begrudgingly, he joined his parents for the sunrise above the volcano and a feeling of awe came over him...it was amazing! He began to change his tune about the trip. He spent the rest of the day riding bicycles with his parents and their guide down the side of the volcano, and by the time he reached the bottom, he had a changed tune. He spent the rest of the time on his trip having the time of his life with his family.

Story 2-

▪ It was an incredibly beautiful day; the perfect day for a walk. Maria grabbed her bike and headed out to the park at the end of her street.

▪ As Maria approached the park, she heard yelps that sounded like a high pitched horn. It was so piercing that it made Maria's head hurt. She looked around to find the source of the sound when she saw a rustling in the bushes. She cautiously crept forward and found a small puppy stuck in the brush. She was able to quickly release the pup and it immediately clobbered her in kisses. It was love at first sight. Maria had been wanting a puppy and her mom said when they found the perfect one, they would make the move.

▪ Maria was anxious to show her parents, when she realized something that made her heart sad. This puppy was probably someone's pet. Thoughts of how to manage keeping the dog circled Maria's mind, but she realized there was only one obvious answer; she had to find the owner. It made her very sad to think that her dream of having a puppy was almost realized, only to be taken away so quickly. It was the right thing to do.

▪ Maria and her mother searched the homes around the park and luckily, they were able to find the puppy's owner quickly. He was so grateful! Maria learned that the puppy was one of a litter. With the man's gratitude, he offered Maria the puppy for her good will!

Story 3-

Matt was so excited to see the new Batman movie. He had asked off work for the opening night premiere and had pre-ordered a ticket for him and his friend, Jon. He had a hard time concentrating throughout the day, trying to stifle his excitement so he could still be productive. The time came for Matt to leave and pick up Jon. The two were going to meet a few friends for dinner first.

On his way to Jon's house, Matt received a call from Jon's mom that he had just gotten very ill and wouldn't be able to make it out. Matt was bummed but figured he would be able to find someone at dinner to take the ticket. Matt arrived at the restaurant to learn from his friends that because it was a Friday night, the wait time was going to be 45 minutes. Matt did not have time to wait that long and none of his friends could take the tickets because they would miss dinner.

Matt's excitement was quickly fading, but he decided he was going to the movie anyway. He pulled into a crowded theater parking lot and had to park close to half a mile away. He entered the lobby to see a line for the concession stand back to the door. He had to eat but was afraid of missing the start of the movie. Once he had his popcorn and drink, he headed to the theater with the crowd. They were so smooshed, someone knocked his drink and popcorn right out of his hands and it spilled down the front of his shirt.

Matt was about to give up on a fun night at the movies when he heard someone yelling his name. His friend, Michael, saw him and came running to his aid. He threw him the Batman shirt he had just bought. Matt changed and the two had a great time sharing Michael's popcorn and watching the film.

Story 4-

Margot was an insanely talented artist. She focused most of her creative work on abstract art. She could see beauty in even the most ordinary items and could make them into masterpieces. This is why she was so excited when her art teacher challenged her to make a sculpture out of trash. Anything that had been discarded for the landfill could be used. This made Margot's heart race with excitement.

After several days of gathering, sketching, and planning, Margot began her sculpture. She combined aluminum cans with the logo wrappings from plastic drink bottles to create a colorful abstract structural statue design. Her art teacher loved her submission so much, he encouraged her to enter her piece in the upcoming art gallery contest.

The time came for Margot to showcase her work, and she was very nervous. The first place prize would be amazing, but she was most excited to see the response to her art. Spectators came and went with much praise for the job that she had done, but there was one conversation that stood out to her. She overheard a group of young kids say, "Why is this in the art show?? This is just a bunch of junk glued together!" Margot was crushed and spent the better part of the next hour crouched in a hidden corner crying.

Starting to get worried, her art teacher found her, completely surprised at what he saw. He encouraged Margot to return to her display. She decided to return and found a shiny blue ribbon pinned to her work of art.