

# Composing Theme Statements

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## Directions:

1. Use the steps in the box below to collect information from your book.
2. Discuss the information with your partner or group.
3. Jot notes under Steps 1 and 2.
4. Use your notes to develop two theme statements.

**Step 1:** Identify the topic using one word or a short phrase.

**Step 2:** Determine what the story teaches by asking a question that uses the word or short phrase from Step 1.

**Step 3:** Write two themes that could apply to other texts, statements that capture the message or life lesson you inferred from events in the story related to the topic. Don't include names of characters or places in your text.

Use your notes to find two themes in your text and write the theme statements below.

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