

What is it?

→ The central idea of a story that is an insight about life or human nature.
 → One sentence that describes the author's message.

Theme = (THE MESSAGE)

What is it like?

The big ideas to be learned from the selection

The author's message to the reader (a moral)

A lesson you can apply to life
*No character names!

⊖ Implied = ⊖ Inference

→ Clues from story + prior knowledge = Theme Statement

Stated Theme
 Theme is in a line in the book.

★ Implied Theme
 - Author gives clues in plot, title, characters, and setting.
 - Reader makes an inference and writes the theme.

Recurring Theme
 A theme found in different works of one time period.

Universal Theme
 Theme found in different books or stories in ANY time period.

What are some examples?