

- SELECT **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING TWO MY ACCESS PROMPTS.
- IT IS DUE ON MY ACCESS BY 8:00 AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.
- IT WILL COUNT AS A GRADE IN BOTH *READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS*.

Theme in Literature

A theme is the main message a reader can learn about life or human nature from a literary piece. From a story you have read in class (or one you read on your own), identify a theme that the reader may learn from the story. In a well-organized essay, describe this theme. Use textual examples from the story to support your ideas and explain how they support the theme.

Using Characters to Reveal Theme in a Story

An author may create characters in a short story or novel who reveal the story's message or theme. Think about a novel or short story you have recently read. How is the development of the characters important to the message or theme of the story? How do the characters in the story reveal that message or theme?

In a well-developed essay, discuss how your selected characters develop and/or change throughout the story and how they reveal the overall meaning or theme. Use facts, details, and examples from the story to support your discussion.

As you write, remember your essay will be scored based on how well you:

- develop a multi-paragraph response to the assigned topic that clearly communicates your thesis to the audience. **MINIMUM OF THREE PARAGRAPHS**
- support your thesis with meaningful examples and references from the text, carefully citing any direct quotes.
- organize your essay in a clear and logical manner, including an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- use well-structured sentences and language that are appropriate for your audience.
- edit your work to conform to the conventions of standard American English.