

THEME VS. MAIN IDEA

The **THEME** of a story is the **moral**, **message**, or **lesson** of a story.

The **MAIN IDEA** of a story tells what it is **mostly** about (one sentence).

Jealousy

Amanda always wanted the same things Mary did.

Bravery

Even though Tim was afraid of heights, he still went to the top of the ropes course.

Hard Work Pays Off

Kayla spent hours on her project and got 100%.

It's Okay to be Different

Jack and Jill were total opposites, but they were both excellent kids.

Friendship

No matter what happened, Rachel and Jesse were always there for each other.

Overcoming Obstacles

Jake was wheelchair-bound, but he made the team!