

## How to write a THEME statement

Theme is the main idea, concern, moral, purpose or underlying message of a story/poem/novel. In a serious piece of literature, the theme is usually expressed indirectly rather than directly and requires the reader to deduce it from the narrative details of the text.

1. Creating a theme statement first requires identifying different theme topics that can be found in the work.

**Examples:** love, betrayal, power, **ambition**

2. Next, think about how this topic is treated in the text. Is there a positive or negative impact in the treatment of the theme topic?

**Example:** Too much **ambition** can be bad.

3. Finally, what is the result of this treatment? What outcome can be identified in the either positive or negative treatment of the theme topic?

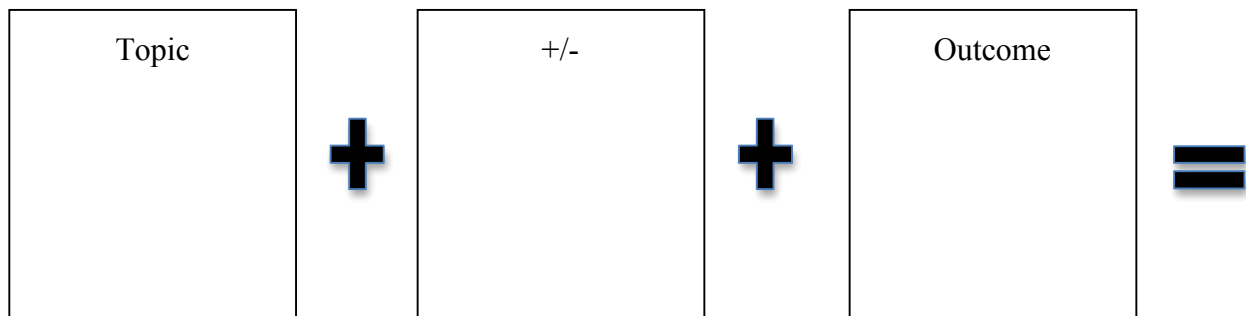
**Example:** Excessive ambition can lead to a character's downfall.

**Therefore, a theme statement can be created using the following formula:**

**TOPIC + TREATMENT (+/-) = RESULT**

**Now you try!**

Text(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Author(s): \_\_\_\_\_



Theme statement: \_\_\_\_\_

