

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

## Determining a Theme

### Today's Goal

1. You will be able to identify the theme of a "All Summer in a Day."
2. You will learn what details to analyze when determining the theme of a literary text.

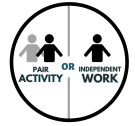
### PART 1: Reviewing The Theme Reference Sheet

**Directions:** Use your reference sheet on theme to answer the four questions below. *10 minutes*



1. What is the definition of **theme**?

2. How do you determine the theme? What are the ways authors reveal themes?



## PART 2: Determining a Theme

**Directions:** Write the title of the text you are analyzing in the space provided. Then, complete the guided steps to help you determine a theme for that text. *10 minutes*

<b>Text Title</b>	<i>All Summer in a Day</i>
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### Step 1: Review Key Details From the Story

*To determine a theme, start by considering the ways authors often reveal theme, such as through **characterization**, the **resolution**, and **literary devices**.*

1. Did any **characters change** in the story? How?

2. How was the **conflict** in the story resolved?

3. Did you notice any important **literary devices**, such as symbols, metaphor, or repetition?

### Step 2: Identify the Big Ideas

*Identify 2-3 important big ideas in the story.*

Courage	Friendship	Family	Prejudice	Persistence
Love	Differences	Self-Acceptance	Struggle	Challenge
Forgiveness	Loss	Failure	Community	Greed
Nature	Commitment	Hope	Outsiders	<b>[Your own big idea]</b>

### Step 3: Write the Theme Statement

*What is the author's message about the big ideas? Try combining more than one big idea in your theme statement.*

		<b>Theme Checklist:</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> My theme is a complete thought <input type="checkbox"/> My theme does not use characters' names or describe the plot