

THEME ssage

1. Consider the **universal ideas** demonstrated (brought out) in the text
2. Consider the author's craft and "**the writing techniques**" used to grab the reader's attention
3. Consider the **message or the lesson** the author wants us to learn or take away from the story
4. Infer a theme statement and write it using the stem:

Universal Idea + So what is the message or lesson we learn about it?