

Making a Theme Book Report

Themes

Exploring the themes, or big ideas that run throughout a book, is a great way to write a book report. Picking a theme that you care about makes it easier to create a book report. Try bringing some of your thoughts and feelings as a reader into the report as a way to show the power of the theme. Before you discuss your own thoughts, however, be sure to establish what the theme is and how it appears in the story. You will be writing a report and creating a theme box for your Mock Newbery Book.

The Report:

When writing your report keep the following in mind:

- Explain *exactly* what theme you will be exploring in your book report.
- Use as many examples and quotations from the books as possible to prove that the theme is important to the story.
- Make sure that you talk about each example or quote you've included. Make a direct connection between the theme and the example from the book.
- After you have established the theme and thoroughly examined the way it affects the book, include several sentences about the impact the theme had upon you and why it made the book more or less enjoyable to read.

Your report will be approximately four paragraphs long.

*Book reports may seem disconnected from your other school work, but they will help you learn to summarize, compare and contrast, make predictions and connections, and consider different perspectives – skills you'll need throughout your life.

The Project:

You will create a thematic box collage. The box will consist of pictures that help explain your theme. When creating your collage, you can find pictures from magazines, newspapers, clip art, or you can draw pictures. On your poster, please be sure to include the name of your book and the author. Do not include the theme on the front of the box. You can identify your theme on the book in your report.

Reports are due on Monday March 1st.