

Theme in Literature

"What's the Big Idea?"

It was an ice cold evening in the city that never sleeps. Criminals stalked the streets, and everywhere you looked it was a war of good vs. evil. Will there be a hero to come save the city? Someone on a mission for justice? Stay tuned to find out what the theme is.

Yeah, we've got some knowledge you can get right here,
 We're talking about a theme or a "_____."
 It's universal, like a _____ or a _____,
 So here's a couple examples for anyone with questions.
 Like, _____ and _____ are both themes,
 Here's a few more we'll present like memes.
 In *Robin Hood* the theme is "_____."
 In *A Christmas Carol* it's about compassion you should have.
 In *Romeo & Juliet* it's "_____" but there can be
 More than one theme, 'cause there's also "fate" and "family."
 Many different stories have themes that they share,
 Like revenge in *Moby Dick* and *Macbeth*. Now be careful.
 Don't confuse theme with the main idea though,
 So just in case, let me break it down for you real slow.
 The _____ is what it's about mostly,
 While the _____ is more sweeping, so you've gotta read closely.

Every story has a theme,
 A _____, if you know what I mean.
 Theme in every story, every story has theme,
 Just below the surface, running through it like a stream. (x2)

Now a writer won't come right out and say what the theme is,
 But with the character and plot you don't need to be a genius.
 Take Batman, aka Bruce Wayne the billionaire,
 The moonlighting crime fighter who all of the villains fear.
 But every once in a while,
 A truly diabolical one comes into town.

And really puts Batman to the test,
The Joker, the Penguin, the Scarecrow, you can guess.
That — “What?” — every time without fail,
It's the good guy, Batman who prevails.
“So what's the theme?” Think about the _____ and the _____,
Heroes, Villains — “I see the theme!” — yup, there it is.
“Good vs. evil” — uh-huh, but bust this,
Another theme is Batman's mission of justice.
And since it's always somebody in disguise,
_____ is another one — That's right!

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A universal concept, if you know what I mean.
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And here we are — this story has many themes as you can tell. Good vs. evil, revenge. There's always a theme to everything you read, everything you see. Make sure you dig deep. Your story has a theme too. Every story has a theme.