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**Thematic Questions** Olivia Knuffle Bunny Where the Wild Things Are Whistle for Willie **Owen** Ian Falconer Mo Willems **Kevin Henkes** Maurice Sendak Ezra Jack Keats What age is the hero? What age is the intended reader? Is the book written in first person, or third? What words or references are used that are kidspecific, or kid-friendly? What are the obstacles in the hero's journey? What's the message – what does the author want to leave kids thinking, or feelina? How is the message conveyed? Is it overtly stated by one of the characters or the narrator, or do we infer it from the story? How does the artwork play a role?