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for MIDDLE GRADE  
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## Theme Worksheet

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Answer the following questions with respect to your story:

What do you want to say to young readers with this story, and why?

What do you hope to leave your young reader thinking about?

What questions do you want to raise for further dialogue with a friend, parent, sibling, caregiver, or teacher?

What will your main character (and by extension, your reader) learn or discover about him- or herself or the world at the end of your story?

What is your primary theme?

What, if any, might be your secondary themes?

What are some *opposites* of your theme, or big idea?

In what specific ways might the theme be revealed?

What images or symbols might reflect your theme?

Is there a lexicon relative to your theme or subject, and if so, what are some of the words it includes?

What sensory elements could relate to or reflect your theme?

What is your *dream* for your story?