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What is theme? Heres a quick and simple definition: A theme is a universal idea, lesson, or message explored throughout a work of literature. One key characteristic of literary themes is their universality, which is to say that themes are ideas that not only apply to the specific characters and events of a book or play, but also express broader truths about human experience that readers can apply to their own lives. For instance, John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath (about a family of tenant farmers who are displaced from their land in Oklahoma) is a book whose themes might be said to include the inhumanity of capitalism, as well as the vitality and necessity of family and friendship. Some additional key details about theme: All works of literature have themes. The same work can have multiple themes, and many different works explore the same or similar themes. Themes are sometimes divided into thematic concepts and thematic statements. A work's thematic concept is the broader topic it touches upon (love, forgiveness, pain, etc.) while its thematic statement is what the work says about that topic. For example, the thematic concept of a romance novel might be love, and, depending on what happens in the story, its thematic statement might be that "Love is blind," or that "You can't buy love." Themes are almost never stated explicitly. Oftentimes you can identify a work's themes by looking for a repeating symbol, motif, or phrase that appears again and again throughout a story, since it often signals a recurring concept or idea. Theme Pronunciation Here's how to pronounce theme: them Identifying Themes Every work of literaturewhether it's an essay, a novel, a poem, or something elsehas at least one theme. Therefore, when analyzing a given work, it's always possible to discuss what the work is "about" on two separate levels: the more concrete level of the plot (i.e., what literally happens in the work), as well as the more abstract level of the theme (i.e., the concepts that the work deals with). Understanding the themes of a work is vital to understanding the work's significancewhich is why, for example, every LitCharts Literature Guide uses a specific set of themes to help analyze the text. Although some writers set out to explore certain themes in their work before they've even begun writing, many writers begin to write without a preconceived idea of the themes they want to explorethey simply allow the themes to emerge naturally through the writing process. But even when writers do set out to investigate a particular theme, they usually don't identify that theme explicitly in the work itself. Instead, each reader must come to their own conclusions about what themes are at play in a given work, and each reader will likely come away with a unique thematic interpretation or understanding of the work. Symbol, Motif, and Leitwortstil Writers often use three literary devices in particularknown as symbol, motif, and leitwortstilto emphasize or hint at a work's underlying themes. Spotting these elements at work in a text can help you know where to look for its main themes. Symbol: Broadly defined, a symbol is anything that represents another thing. In literature, a symbol is often a tangible thingan object, person, place, or actionthat represents something intangible. Near the beginning of Romeo and Juliet, Benvolio promises to make Romeo feel better about Rosaline's rejection of him by introducing him to more beautiful women, saying "Compare [Rosaline's] face with that that I shall show.and I will make thee think thy swan a crow." Here, the swan is a symbol for how Rosaline appears to the adoring Romeo, while the crow is a symbol for how she will soon appear to him, after he has seen other, more beautiful women. Symbols might occur once or twice in a book or play to represent an emotion, and in that case aren't necessarily related to a theme. However, if you start to see clusters of similar symbols appearing in a story, this may mean that the symbols are part of an overarching motif, in which case they very likely are related to a theme. Motif: A motif is an element or idea that recurs throughout a work of literature. Motifs, which are often collections of symbols, help reinforce the central themes of a work. For example, Shakespeare uses the motif of "dark vs. light" in Romeo and Juliet to emphasize one of the play's main themes: the contradictory nature of love. To develop this theme, Shakespeare describes the experience of love by pairing contradictory, opposite symbols next to each other throughout the play: not only crows and swans, but also night and day, moon and sun. These paired symbols all fall into the overall pattern of "dark vs. light," and that overall pattern is called a motif. Leitwortstil: Leitwortstil is a literary deviceless common than motifin which writers use a repeated phrase to underscore important themes and concepts in a work. A famous example is Kurt Vonnegut's repetition of the phrase "So it goes" throughout his novel Slaughterhouse Five, a novel which centers around the events of World War II. Vonnegut's narrator repeats the phrase each time he recounts a tragic story from the war, an effective demonstration of how the horrors of war have become normalized for the narrator. The constant repetition of the phrase emphasizes the novel's primary themes: the death and destruction of war, and the futility of trying to prevent or escape such destruction, and both of those things coupled with the author's skepticism that any of the destruction is necessary and that war-time tragedies "can't be helped." Symbol, motif and leitwortstil are simply techniques that authors use to emphasize themes, and should not be confused with the actual thematic content at which they hint. That said, spotting these tools and patterns can give you valuable clues as to what might be the underlying themes of a work. Thematic Concepts vs. Thematic Statements A work's thematic concept is the broader topic it touches uponfor instance: Judgement Love Revenge Forgivenesswhile its thematic statement is the particular argument the writer makes about that topic through his or her work, such as: Human judgement is imperfect. Love cannot be bought. Getting revenge on someone else will not fix your problems. Learning to forgive is part of becoming an adult. Should You Use Thematic Concepts or Thematic Statements? Some people argue that when describing a theme in a work that simply writing a thematic concept is insufficient, and that instead the theme must be described in a full sentence as a thematic statement. Other people argue that a thematic statement, being a single sentence, usually creates an artificially simplistic description of a theme in a work and is therefore can actually be more misleading than helpful. There isn't really a right answer in this debate. In our LitCharts literature study guides, we usually identify themes in headings as thematic concepts, and then explain the theme more fully in a few paragraphs. We find thematic statements limiting, as they fully exploring explaining a theme, and so we don't use them. Please note that this doesn't mean we only rely on thematic conceptswe spend paragraphs explaining a theme after we first identify a thematic concept. If you are asked to describe a theme in a text, you probably should usually try to at least develop a thematic statement about the text if you're not given the time or space to describe it more fully. For example, a statement that a book is about "the senselessness of violence" is a lot stronger and more compelling than just saying that the book is about "violence." Identifying Thematic Statements One way to try to identify or describe the thematic statement within a particular work is to think through the following aspects of the text: Plot: What are the main plot elements in the work, including the arc of the story, setting, and characters. What are the most important moments in the story? How does it end? How is the central conflict resolved? Protagonist: Who is the main character, and what happens to him or her? How does he or she develop as a person over the course of the story? Prominent symbols and motifs: Are there any motifs or symbols that are featured prominently in the workfor example, in the title, or recurring at important moments in the storythat might mirror some of the main themes? After you've thought through these different parts of the text, consider what their answers might tell you about the thematic statement the text might be trying to make about any given thematic concept. The checklist above shouldn't be thought of as a precise formula for theme-finding, but rather as a set of guidelines, which will help you ask the right questions and arrive at an interesting thematic interpretation. Theme Examples The following examples not only illustrate how themes develop over the course of a work of literature, but they also demonstrate how paying careful attention to detail as you read will enable you to come to more compelling conclusions about those themes. Themes in F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby Fitzgerald explores many themes in The Great Gatsby, among them the corruption of the American Dream. Plot: The novel takes place in the summer of 1922 on Long Island, in a community divided between West Egg, a town full of newly rich people with no social connections, and East Egg, a town full of "old money" inherited wealthand people with extensive connections. The story's narrator is Minnesota-born Nick Caraway, a New York bonds salesman. Nick befriends Jay Gatsby, the protagonist, who is a wealthy man who throws extravagant parties at his mansion. The central conflict of the novel is Gatsby's pursuit of Daisy, whom he met and fell in love with as a young man, but parted from during World War I. He makes a fortune illegally by bootlegging alcohol, to become the sort of wealthy man he believes Daisy is attracted to, then buys a house near her home, where she lives with her husband. While he does manage to re-enter Daisy's life, she ultimately abandons him and hedges as a result of her reckless, selfish behavior. Prominent Symbol: The Green Light Gatsby's house is on the water, and he stares longingly across the water at a green light that hangs at the edge of a dock at Daisy's house which sits across from the bay.The symbol of the light appears multiple times in the novelduring the early stages of Gatsby's longing for Daisy, during his pursuit of her, and after he dies without winning her love. It symbolizes both his longing for daisy and the distance between them (the distance of space and time) that he believes (incorrectly) that he can bridge. Prominent Motif: Green In addition to the green light, the color green appears regularly in the novel. This motif of green broadens and shapes the symbolism of the green light and also influences the novel's themes. While green always remains associated with Gatsby's yearning for Daisy and the past, and also his ambitious striving to regain Daisy, it also through the motif of repeated green becomes associated with money, hypocrisy, and destruction. Gatsby's yearning for Daisy, which is idealistic in some ways, also becomes clearly corrupt in others, which more generally impacts what the novel is saying about dreams more generally and the American Dream in particular. Gatsby pursues the American Dream, driven by the idea that hard work can lead anyone from poverty to wealth, and he does so for a single reason: he's in love with Daisy. However, he pursues the dream dishonestly, making a fortune by illegal means, and ultimately fails to achieve his goal of winning Daisy's heart. Furthermore, when he actually gets close to winning Daisy's heart, she brings about his downfall. Through the story of Gatsby and Daisy, Fitzgerald expresses the point of view that the American Dream carries at its core an inherent corruption. You can read more about the theme of The American Dream in The Great Gatsby here. Themes in Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart In Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe explores the theme of the dangers of rigidly following tradition. Plot: The novel takes place in the Igbo community of Umuofia in Nigeria. It provides an account of the clan's traditional way of life, and tells the story of its brave and self-made leader, Okonkwo. When white colonists and Christian missionaries begin to arrive, they undermine the traditional culture and threaten the world Okonkwo has built. Okonkwo is obsessed with embodying the masculine ideals of traditional Igbo warrior culture. Okonkwo's dedication to his clan's traditions is so extreme that it even alienates members of his own family, one of whom joins the Christians. The central conflict: Okonkwo's community adapts to colonization in order to survive, becoming less warlike and allowing the minor injustices that the colonists inflict upon them to go unchallenged. Okonkwo, however, refuses to adapt. At the end of the novel, Okonkwo impulsively kills a Christian out of anger. Recognizing that his community does not support his crime, Okonkwo kills himself in despair. Prominent Motif: Sacrifice Throughout the novel, animals and humans alike are sacrificed according to the clan's traditions. These physical sacrifices also represent the deeper sacrifice individuals make when they suppress their own beliefs and desires to follow a traditional code of behavior. Clanswomen who give birth to twins abandon the babies in the forest to die, according to traditional beliefs that twins are evil. Okonkwo kills his beloved adopted son, a prisoner of war, according to the clan's traditions. Okonkwo sacrifices a goat in repentance, after severely beating his wife during the clan's holy week. Through the tragic story of Okonkwo, Achebe is clearly dealing with the theme of tradition, but a close examination of the text reveals that he's also making a clear thematic statement that following traditions too rigidly leads people to the greatest sacrifice of all: that of personal agency.You can read more about this theme in Things Fall Apart here. Themes in Robert Frost's The Road Not Taken Poet's have themes just as plot-driven narratives do. One theme that Robert Frost explores in this famous poem The Road Not Taken, is the illusory nature of free will. Situation: The poem's speaker stands at a fork in the road, in a "yellow wood." He (or she) looks down one path as far as possible, then takes the other, which seems less worn. The speaker then admits that the paths are about equally wornthere's really no way to tell the differenceand that a layer of leaves covers both of the paths, indicating that neither has been traveled recently. After taking the second path, the speaker finds comfort in the idea of taking the first path sometime in the future, but acknowledges that he or she is unlikely to ever return to that particular fork in the woods. The speaker imagines how, "with a sigh" he will tell someone in the future, "I took the road less travelled that has made all the difference." By wryly predicting his or her own need to romanticize, and retroactively justify, the chosen path, the speaker injects the poem with an unmistakable hint of irony. Prominent Motif: Life is a Journey The speaker's journey is a symbol for life, and the two paths symbolize different life paths, with the road "less-travelled" representing the path of an individualist or lone-wolf. The fork where the two roads diverge represents an important life choice. The road "not taken" represents the life path that the speaker would have pursued had he or she had made different choices. Frost's speaker has reached a fork in the road, whichaccording to the symbolic language of the poemmeans that he or she must make an important life decision. However, the speaker doesn't really know anything about the choice at hand: the paths appear to be the same from the speaker's vantage point, and there's no way he or she can know where the path will lead in the long term. By showing that the only truly informed choice the speaker makes is how he or she explains their decision after they have already made it, Frost suggests that although we pretend to make our own choices, our lives are actually governed by chance. What's the Function of Theme in Literature? Themes are a huge part of what readers ultimately take away from a work of literature when they're done reading it. They're the universal lessons and ideas that we draw from our experiences of works of art: in other words, they're part of the whole reason anyone would want to pick up a book in the first place! It would be difficult to write any sort of narrative that did not include any kind of theme. The narrative itself would have to be almost completely incoherent in order to seem theme-less, and even then readers would discern a theme about incoherence and meaninglessness. So themes are in the sense an intrinsic part of nearly all writing. At the same time, the themes that a writer is interested in exploringwill significantly impact nearly all aspects of how a writer chooses to write a text. Some writers might know the themes they want to explore from the beginning of their writing process, and proceed from there. Others might have only a glimmer of an idea, or have new ideas as they write, and so the themes they address might shift and change as they write. In either case, though, the writer's ideas about his or her themes will influence how they write. One additional key detail about themes and how they work is that the process of identifying and interpreting them is often very personal and subjective. The subjective experience that readers bring to interpreting a work's themes is part of what makes literature so powerful: reading a book isn't simply a one-directional experience, in which the writer imparts their thoughts on life to the reader, already distilled into clear thematic statements. Rather, the process of reading and interpreting a work to discover its themes is an exchange in which readers parse the text to tease out the themes they find most relevant to their personal experience and interests. Other Helpful Theme Resources The Wikipedia Page on Theme: An in-depth explanation of theme that also breaks down the difference between thematic concepts and thematic statements. The Dictionary Definition of Theme: A basic definition and etymology of the term. Theme on Youtube: In this instructional video, a teacher explains her process for helping students identify themes. theme/im/USA pronunciation n.[countable] a subject of a talk, a thought, or a piece of writing; topic:He returned to the theme of American values, a unifying idea, or the most obvious point, as in a work of art, esp. a short, informal essay, esp. a school composition. thematic/mtk/USA pronunciation[ad] thematically, adv. theme (thm) USA pronunciationn. adj., v., themed, theming n.a subject of discourse, discussion, meditation, or composition; topic:The need for world peace was the theme of the meeting. a unifying or dominant idea, motif, etc., as in a work of art. a short, informal essay, esp. a school composition. Music and Dance a principal melodic subject in a musical composition. a short melodic subject from which variations are developed. Grammarthe element common to all or most of the forms of an inflectional paradigm, often consisting of a root with certain formative elements or modifications.Linguistics, -topic stem1 (def. 16). Linguisticstopic (def. 4). World HistoryAlso, theme an administrative division of the Byzantine Empire. adj.having a unifying theme-a theme restaurant decorated like a spaceship. v.t. Greek thma proposition, deposit, akin to tithnai to put, set down Medieval Latin thema, Latin Old French teme) Middle English theme, theme (12501300 themeless, adj. 1. thesis, text. Seesubject.3. paper. theme /im/ n an idea or topic expanded in a discourse, discussion, etc. (in literature, music, art, etc.) a unifying idea, image, or motif, repeated or developed throughout a work a group of notes forming a recognizable melodic unit, often used as the basis of the musical material in a composition a short essay, esp one set as an exercise for a studentanother word for root1, stem1 (modifier) planned or designed round one unifying subject, image, etc.: a theme holiday vb (transitive) to design, decorate, arrange, etc. in accordance with a themeEtymology: 13th Century: from Latin thema, from Greek: deposit, from tithenai to lay downthenceless adj What is the theme of a story?Today's post includes excerpts from Whats the Story? Building Blocks for Fiction Writing, which is packed with fun lessons and engaging activities for anyone who wants to learn the basics of storytelling. This is from chapter four: Theme. Enjoy! Theme is one of the most difficult story elements to understand. Often confused with plot, theme is actually a worldview, philosophy, message, moral, ethical question, or lesson. However, these labels, taken alone or together, don't quite explain theme in fiction.We can think of a theme as an underlying principle or concept, the topic at the center of the story.Themes are often universal in nature. Some common universal themes are based on motifs of redemption, freedom, equality, sacrifice, betrayal, loyalty, greed, justice, oppression, revenge, and love. Themes can also be personal and specific to the human condition. Such themes could explore issues surrounding loneliness, trust, commitment, or family.However, a story's theme is more than an idea that can be expressed in a single word. The concept of freedom can form the foundation of a story's theme, which could be anything from one should not sacrifice freedom for security to freedom is worth dying for.Themes in StorytellingMost stories contain multiple themes and motifs. The Hunger Games trilogy explores motifs of power, class, sacrifice, and honor, to name a few. In the Harry Potter books, the most significant themes are good versus evil and the power of love. However, there are also motifs of friendship and loyalty. One theme might stretch across an entire series, while other themes appear at the novel or even chapter level. A story's main plot might explore one theme while its subplots explore other themes. The strongest stories tend to use themes that are interconnected and complement or contrast with one another. The 1997 film Titanic is rich with themes that swirl around class (wealth versus poverty). These themes are echoed in the main characters: the protagonist is an aristocrat; she falls in love with a poor artist. The ship itself is segregated with the wealthy residing on the luxurious upper decks and the poor relegated to the cramped and crowded accommodations in the lower decks. And at the center of the story, the protagonist, Rose, is struggling with whether she should give up her financial security in order to liberate herself from the wealthy fianc she loathes.Theme can be obvious, but often its nuanced. In the 2009 film Avatar, the theme is in your face: preservation of the environment and respect for native cultures. In the 2005 film Batman Begins, theme is harder to put your finger on: one mans struggle with his own identity and duality.Choosing the Theme of a StoryThemes are so closely tied to human nature that its almost impossible to tell a story without a theme of some kind. Themes will almost always manifest, even if an author doesnt put any special effort into theme development.Some experts have suggested that authors shouldn't think too much about theme until they've produced a draft, while others believe that theme is so integral that it should be present throughout story development. The approach you choose will depend on your writing process, storytelling style, and personal predilection. The truth that undercores the plot and characters.Tips for Developing ThemeLearn to identify themes. When watching movies and reading novels, identify the themes. When you become proficient at identifying themes in other works, you'll get better at bringing themes into your own work.Dont stress yet. If youre not sure what your story's theme is, dont put too much pressure on yourself. A theme will usually emerge as you work through your first draft.Theme development. Once you've completed a draft, the theme should be apparent. Take some time to think about how you can strengthen the theme in future drafts.Multiple themes. Once you identify your theme, make a list of related themes that you could thread into subplots. For example, if your theme is related to redemption, then forgiveness could be a secondary theme.Theme and motif. Check your work by making a list of all motifs and themes in your story. This is a map of your thematic pattern.To get more tips on developing themes in your storytelling, pick up a copy of Whats the Story? Building Blocks for Fiction Writing. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. (thm)n.1. A topic of discourse or discussion. See Synonyms at subject.2. A subject of artistic representation.3. An implicit or recurrent idea; a motif: a party with a tropical island theme.4. A short composition assigned to a student as a writing exercise.5. Music A recurring melodic element in a composition, especially a melody forming the basis of a set of variations.6. Linguistics [Middle English theme, theme, from Old French tesme, from Latin thema, from Greek; see dh- in Indo-European roots.]American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (im) n.1. an idea or topic expanded in a discourse, discussion, etc2. (in literature, music, art, etc.) a unifying idea, image, or motif, repeated or developed throughout a work3. (Music, other) music a group of notes forming a recognizable melodic unit, often used as the basis of the musical material in a composition.4. (Education) a short essay, esp one set as an exercise for a student5. (Grammar) the linguistic constituent of a sentence, usually but not necessarily the subject. 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All rights reserved.Past participle: themedGerund: themingImperativePresentPreteritePresent ContinuousPresent PerfectPast ContinuousPast PerfectFutureFuture PerfectFuture ConditionalPast ConditionalCollins English Verb Tables HarperCollins Publishers 2011 Noun1.theme - the subject matter of a conversation or discussion; "he didn't want to discuss that subject"; "it was a very sensitive topic"; "his letters were always on the theme of love"bone of contention - 'the subject of a dispute; "the real bone of contention, as you know, is money"precedent - a subject mentioned earlier (preceding in time)question, head - the subject matter at issue; "the question of disease merits serious discussion"; "under the head of minor Roman poets"keynote - the principal theme in a speech or literary work2.theme - a unifying idea that is a recurrent element in literary or artistic work; "it was the usual 'give girl' theme"idea, the thought - the content of cognition; the main thing you are thinking about; "it was not a good idea"; "the thought entered my mind"topos - a traditional theme or motif or literary convention; "James Joyce uses the topos of the Wandering Jew in his Ulysses"3.theme - (music) melodic subject of a musical composition; "the theme is announced in the first measures"; "the accompanist picked up the idea and elaborated it"melodic theme, musical theme, ideamusic - an artistic form of auditory communication incorporating instrumental or vocal tones in a structured and continuous mannermotif, motive - a theme that is argued or elaborated in a piece of musicstatement - (music) the presentation of a musical theme; "the initial statement of the sonata"variation - a repetition of a musical theme in which it is modified or embellished4.theme - an essay (especially one written as an assignment); "he got an A on his composition"paper, report, compositionessay - an analytic or interpretive literary compositionterm paper - a composition intended to indicate a student's progress during a school term5.theme - (linguistics) the form of a word after all affixes are removed; "thematic vowels are part of the stem"root word, stem, root, radical, baselinguistics - the scientific study of language6.descriptor, form, signifier, word form - the phonological or orthographic sound or appearance of a word that can be used to describe or identify something; "the inflected forms of a word can be represented by a stem and a list of inflections to be attached"Verb1.theme - provide with a particular theme or motive; "the restaurant often themes its menus"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. motif, leitmotif, recurrent image, unifying idea The need to strengthen the family has become a recurrent theme.2. subject, idea, topic, matter, argument, text, burden, essence, theme, subject matter, keynote, gist The novel's central theme is the conflict between men and women.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002noun3. 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Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: From his mighty bulk the whale affords a most congenial theme whereon to enlarge, amplify, and generally expatiate. The earth's great axis spinning on. The never-resting pole of sky -- Let us resolve their Whence and Why, And blend with all things into One; Beyond the bounds of thought and dream, Circling the vasty void as spheres Whose orbits round a thousand years: Behold the Key that fits my theme.THE main purpose of this story is to appeal to the reader's interest in a subject which has been the theme of some of the greatest writers, living and dead -- but which has never been, and can never be, exhausted, because it is a subject eternally interesting to all mankind.One of my pieces, which fell so far short of my visionary performances as to treat of the lowly and familiar theme of Spring, was the first thing I ever had in print.Very often a definite theme may be found about which the whole work centers, as for instance in 'Macbeth,' The Ruin of a Man through Yielding to Evil.Indeed I do, nor can I imagine any theme about which a man of sense would often wish to converse.As I once more got under way, my thoughts slowly loitered back to the theme which had been occupying them before I dropped asleep.Rochester has to do with the theme you had introduced."The Eastern tale-teller has for his theme the disguised expeditions of Haroun Alraschid with his faithful attendants, Mesrour and Giafar, through the midnight streets of Bagdad; and Scottish tradition dwells upon the similar exploits of James V., distinguished during such excursions by the travelling name of the Goodman of Ballenleigh, as the Commander of the Faithful, when he desired to be incognito, was known by that of Il Bonadocci.Our present theme, however, has regard only to its manifestation in words.As for the plot, it came originally from Sicily; but of Athenian writers Crates was the first who, abandoning the 'iambic' or lampooning form, generalised his themes and plots.If they continued to sing like their great predecessor of romantic themes, they were drawn as by a kind of magnetic attraction into the Homeric style and manner of treatment, and became mere echoes of the Homeric voice: in a word, Homer had so completely exhausted the epic genre, that after him further efforts were doomed to be merely conventional. noun (7)adjective (1)verb (used with object) (1)a subject of discourse, discussion, meditation, or composition; topic:The need for world peace was the theme of the meeting.a unifying or dominant idea, motif, etc., as in a work of art.a short, informal essay, especially a school composition.Music.a principal melodic subject in a musical composition.a short melodic subject from which variations are developed.Grammar., the element common to all or most of the forms of an inflectional paradigm, often consisting of a root with certain formative elements or modifications.Linguistics., -topic.Also an administrative division of the Byzantine Empire.having a unifying theme.a theme restaurant decorated like a spaceship.an idea or topic expanded in a discourse, discussion, etc.(in literature, music, art, etc.) a unifying idea, image, or motif, repeated or developed throughout a workmusic a group of notes forming a recognizable melodic unit, often used as the basis of the musical material in a compositiona short essay, esp one set as an exercise for a studentlinguistics the first major constituent of a sentence, usually but not necessarily the subject. 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