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**Theme vs. Central Idea**

* **Theme:** The central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or lesson in a text. This is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ statement about life that is conveyed throughout the text.
* **Central idea:** What the text is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + This is also known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**So what’s the difference?**

* Main ideas are always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the text in which they are found.
* In other words, a main idea statement can only be used for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ text.
  + Ex. “Jeremiah’s Song” is about a man named Jeremiah who impacts his family’s lives with his stories.
* Unlike a central idea statement, a theme statement must be universal.
* In other words, you should be able to use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theme statement for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ texts.
  + Ex. Cherish your loved ones while they are still around.

**“A Feathered Friend”**

*Directions: Read “A Feathered Friend” on pg. 322 and complete the following activity.*

1. List three reasons why the narrator believes Claribel was a “sensible” choice of pet for a space station.

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1. According to Sven, why did he bring Claribel into space?
2. Find two pieces of text evidence to prove the following statement:

**Living in space is much different than living on earth.**

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1. Turn to pg. 324 and find the word “thrived” in the second paragraph. Define “**thrive**” as used in the text. What context clues help you determine the meaning?
2. Explain how the last paragraph on pg. 324 is an example of **foreshadowing**. (Foreshadowing: an author’s use of clues to hint at what is to come)
3. How does the setting of A Feathered Friend impact the conflict?
4. Fill out the cause and effect table below.

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| CAUSE | EFFECT |
|  | Alarm system fails |
|  |  |

1. Both the **theme** and the **main idea** are supported by details in the text. Answer the questions in the center to determine the supporting details. Then, use the supporting details to determine the theme and main idea of “A Feathered Friend”

**TITLE**

**SUPPORTING DETAILS**

**Why didn’t the crew know something was wrong with the air?**

**THEME: Relying on Others**

**How do the details support the theme?**

**CENTRAL IDEA:**

**Who saved the crew?**

**How did Sven’s attitude towards Claribel change from the beginning of the story to the end?**