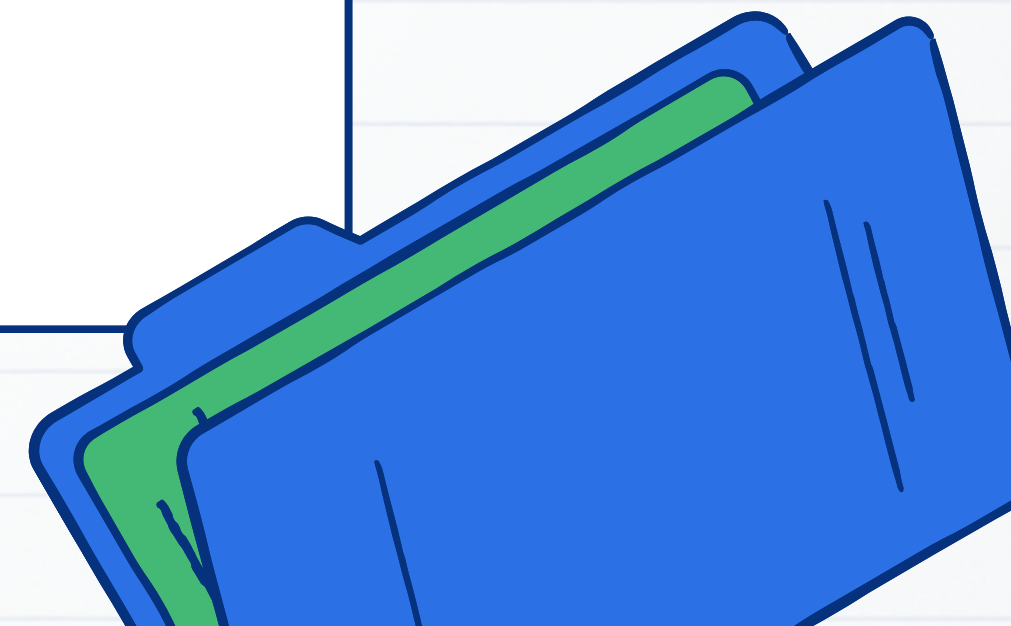
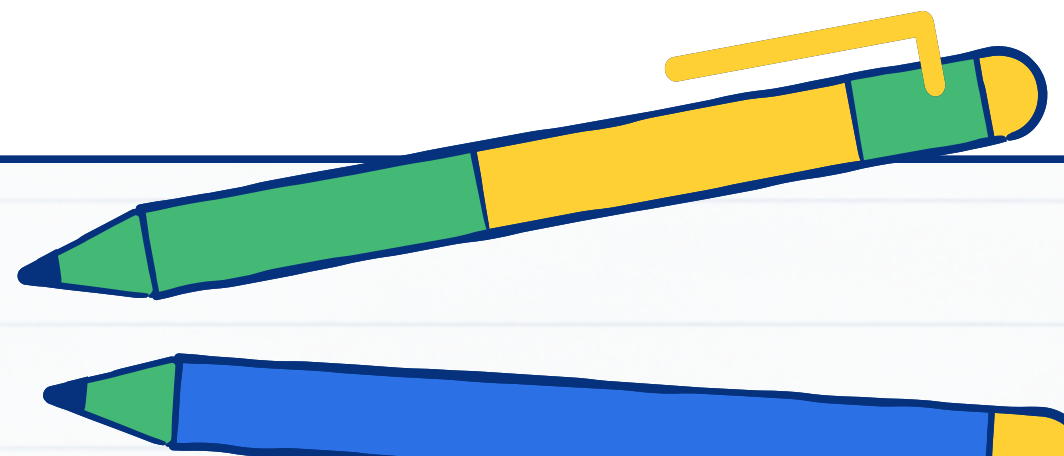




# Understanding Theme

Interpreting the Central Message in Texts



# Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

01

Define  
“theme” in  
literature

02

Identify  
common  
themes in  
texts

03

Distinguish  
theme from  
topic and  
main idea

04

Use textual  
evidence to  
support an  
interpretation

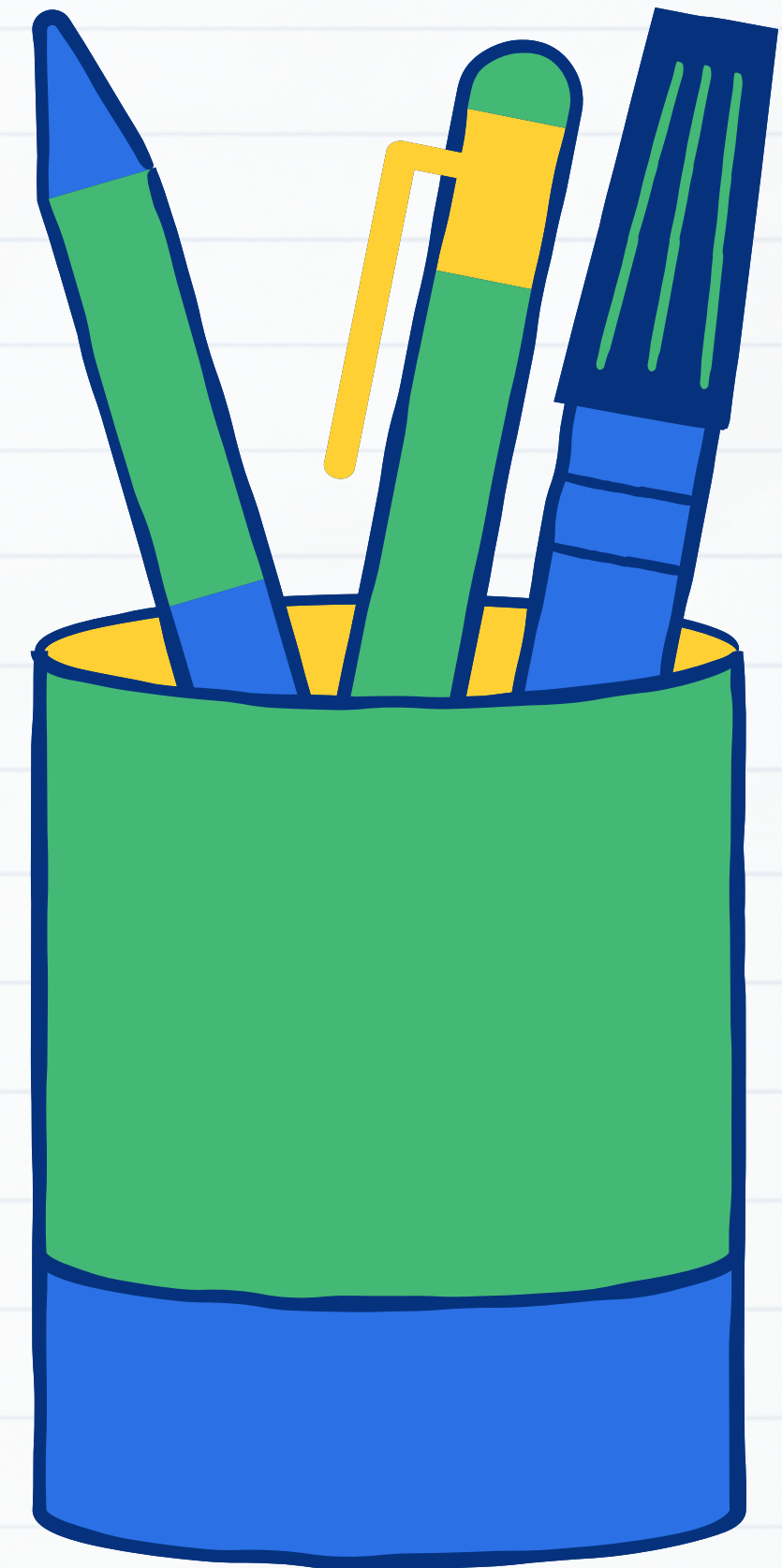
# What Is Theme?

A theme is the central message or insight about life that the author conveys. It is:

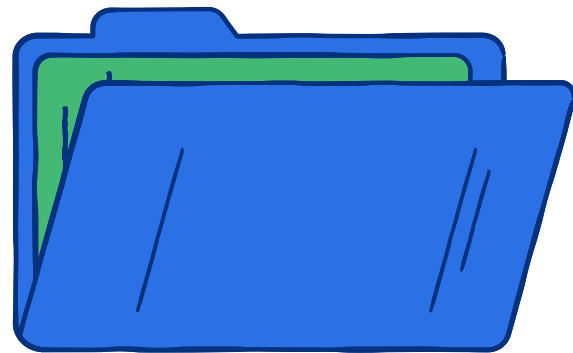
- A universal idea
- Implied (not directly stated)
- Revealed through characters, plot, and conflict

Examples:

- Friendship can help us overcome hard times.
- Power can corrupt even the most moral people.

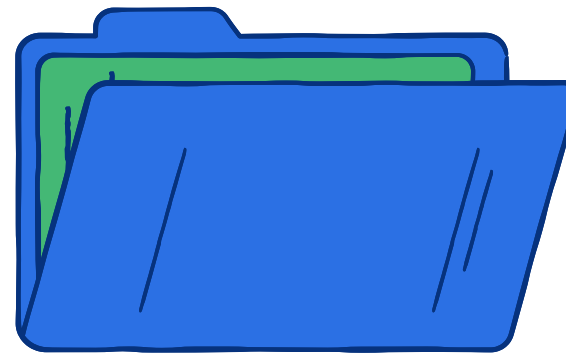


# Think



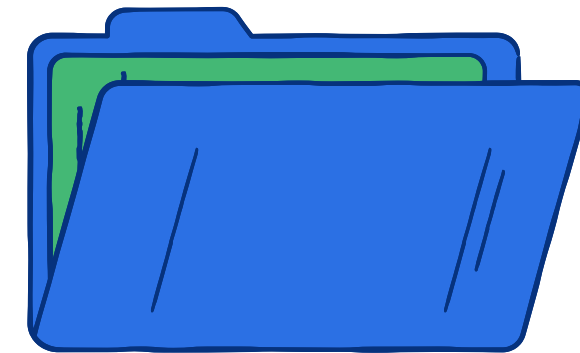
What is a book,  
movie, or show  
that has a  
strong message?

# Pair



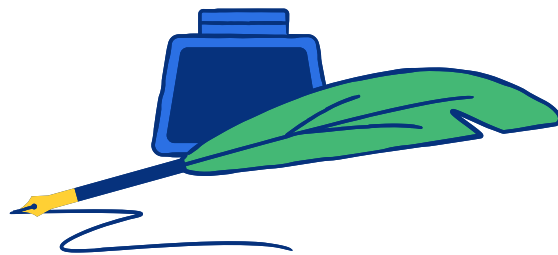
Choose a  
partner and  
discuss your  
answers.

# Share

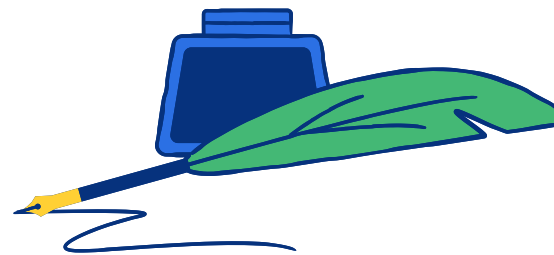


What was the  
message or  
theme? How do  
you know?

# Theme, Topic, or Main Idea?



**Theme:** What the story teaches (ex: True friendship can overcome obstacles)



**Topic:** The general subject or idea that the story focuses on (ex: Friendship)



**Main Idea:** What happens in the story (ex: Two friends reconnect after an argument)