**Theme and Central Idea: Sample Questions**

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2014

* Which detail is **most** helpful for understanding the central idea of the article?
* According to the article,
* Which statement from the article **best** represents a central idea?
* What is the central idea of lines XXXX through XXXX of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”(title of text)? Use two details from the text to support your response.
* Compare the theme of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” How do the settings affect the way the authors develop each theme? Use details from **both** stories to support your response.

In your response, be sure to

* compare the theme of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to the theme of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* explain how the settings affect the way the authors develop each theme
* use details from **both** stories to support your response
* What is the central theme of the poem?

2013

* Which sentence would be **most** important to include in a summary of the article?
* What is XXXX trying to prove? Use **two** details from the story to support your response.
* How does the author build suspense throughout the story? Why are lines XXXX through XXXX important in building suspense? Use details from the story to support your response.

In your response, be sure to

* explain how the author builds suspense throughout the story
* explain the importance of lines XXXX through XXXX in building suspense
* use details from the story to support your response