

# EXAMPLE OF EXPLAINING THEME

QUESTION: How is the book “Home of the Brave” a story of overcoming challenges?

“Home of the Brave” has many themes, but one major theme is people overcoming challenges. Kek is a boy who has had many hardships in his life and he has to overcome these challenges throughout. In the text it states, “I don’t want to cry. A man must show strength.” This shows that Kek wants to face a challenge and overcome it, not just sit and cry about it. Another part of the story states, “Kek, my aunt says, is a good boy. He will try hard to make his new life work.” Clearly this shows that Kek will work hard to adapt to a new home, showing that he overcomes challenges. Another quote, “Kek finds the sun when the sky is dark.” This tells me that Kek makes the most of a situation and rises to the challenge.

ORANGE: Opening statement, basically restating the question.

BLUE: Is your answer.

GREEN: Support from text

UNDERLINED: these are good opening/transition statements