

How to find a theme:

1. Create a list of topics you think the literary work is about (at this point your topics can be one word): love, family, redemption, loyalty, betrayal, power, etc...

2. Pick a topic and write a sentence about what **the author** believes about that topic.

The author believes that...those who betray others will be betrayed themselves.

3. Cross out "The author believes that" and revise as needed. Congratulations, you now have a theme!

~~The author believes that...~~ Those that betray others will be betrayed themselves.

4. Find textual evidence to support your theme.

***Remember, themes should not be only one word and should not be vague (e.g., "The theme is betrayal").**