**Theme Assignment: *Novel Study, English 12*** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) Come up with TWO theme statements for your novel by following the procedure below.

1. Think of one-word MAIN IDEAS in the novel(e.g. dreams, hope, prejudice, family…).
2. Come up with a theme statement following the guideline below.

THEME in literature must:

* Be a ***central*** and ***unifying*** concept in the novel
* Be a **general** statement (could apply to anyone’s life- no character names or events referred to in statement)
* Be stated **formally** (formally stating the theme means avoiding “you” to refer to people in general; instead, use “one” or “people” or “a person.”)
* Be stated in a **complete sentence** as a statement, not a question
* Not be too broad (avoid words like always, everyone, all)
* Not be a cliché (avoid common expressions, like “Don’t judge a book by its cover)

There is no ONE right way to state a theme; any number of different formal statements may work equally well.

b) Give an example of evidence in the form of an event, character or situation that relates to this theme, and explain how it supports your theme.

*Example: On the main idea of* dreams*…*

Theme: Dreams are important, even when they do not come true, because they give people hope and direction.

Evidence: The characters who dream of buying their own farm feel more uplifted and optimistic because of this dream, even though they know it may not come true.

Theme#1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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