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| **Theme IS** | **Theme IS NOT** |
| * Universal; the author’s hidden message about human life OR * A **statement** about the author’s message regarding his/her topic. * Associated with the author’s main point/purpose for writing. (Think about what the author would say about Topic X if s/he were sitting next to you). * ***Inferred***: you the reader must look for clues! * Is a DECLARATIVE SENTENCE! | * A single word a.k.a ‘Love’ * A moral/lesson * A command * A cliché * An “if/then” statement * A “you” statement * An infinitive (to + a verb) * Wordy to the point of being unclear |