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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
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