

Character Quest: How Themes Grow

Textual Evidence, Inference & Theme

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. What is usually the best evidence for a theme?

- (A) Details showing how a character changes
- (B) The setting description
- (C) The number of pages
- (D) The author's name

2. In the story, what was Elena's main internal conflict?

- (A) Her filter kept leaking
- (B) Her pride kept her from accepting help
- (C) She lost her schedule
- (D) She disliked science

Read: Omar dropped the winning catch at the championship. For a week he wouldn't touch his glove. Then he saw a little girl at the park drop ball after ball, laughing each time and trying again. That evening, Omar asked his dad, "Can we practice catches tomorrow?"

3. What can you infer about how Omar changes, and what theme does it suggest? Support your answer with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(A) Details showing how a character changes	1 point
2	(B) Her pride kept her from accepting help	1 point
3	R: Omar changes after he watches the girl at the park. A: I infer he goes from feeling ashamed of his mistake to being ready to try again, which suggests the theme that mistakes are a chance to learn, not a reason to quit. C: At first he "wouldn't touch his glove," but later he asks, "Can we practice catches tomorrow?" E: This shows that seeing someone laugh and keep trying helped Omar realize that failing is part of getting better.	3 points: Inference about Omar's change; Theme without names; Two quotes (before and after).