LESSON WORKSHEET · GRADE 5 · 5.RC.1 & 5.RC.2

Theme & Summary

Fill in each part when its number appears on the slide.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

PART 1 · TARGET

I can determine a theme from how characters respond to challenges and write an objective summary.

PART 2 · WARM-UP

1. What is the difference between a topic and a lesson?

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2. Think of a story or movie you know. What lesson did the main character learn?

   _____

3. Retell a story you know in exactly 3 sentences: beginning, middle, end.

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PART 3 · PREDICTION

The tortoise beats the hare. Is "a race" the lesson of the story?

Circle one: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not sure

PART 4 · VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
Theme	
Topic	
Summary	
Conflict	

PART 5 · TOPIC VS. THEME

A _____ is one or two words. A _____ is a complete sentence about life.

Check: Which is a theme, not a topic?

Circle one: (A) Friendship (B) The ocean (C) Hard work can overcome difficulties. (D) Hard work

PART 6 · FIND THE THEME

To find a theme, track the character's _____, _____, and _____.

Check: The tortoise keeps moving steadily and wins. The theme is:

Circle one: (A) Racing is fun. (B) The hare fell asleep. (C) Slow and steady effort can beat talent without effort. (D) Tortoises are slow.

PART 7 · THEMES ARE FOR EVERYONE

A theme statement should not include _____.

Check: Which theme statement is written best?

Circle one: (A) Kindness. (B) Kindness can change someone's day. (C) Leo was kind to Ava. (D) Be nice.

PART 8 · WRITE A SUMMARY

A summary includes who, the _____, key _____, and the _____. It leaves out _____.

Check: Which belongs in a summary?

Circle one: (A) Your favorite part (B) The color of the character's shirt (C) Whether you liked it (D) The main problem

PART 9 · WORKED EXAMPLE

Final answer from the example: _____

PART 10 · WE DO

Story: Ben forgets his lines in the play, freezes, then keeps going and finishes. The audience cheers. Write the theme.

Answer: _____

PART 11 · YOU DO

Which is the BEST summary sentence for "The Tortoise and the Hare"?

Circle one: (A) I liked the tortoise best. (B) The race was on a sunny day. (C) A slow tortoise beats a fast hare in a race because the hare stops to nap and the tortoise keeps going. (D) The hare is very fast and brags a lot.

PART 12 · WORK TIME: ESCAPE THE LOST LIBRARY

Write each code piece as you earn it: Lock 1: ____ Lock 2: ____ Lock 3: ____ Lock 4: ____ Lock 5: ____

Final code: _____

PART 13 · WRAP-UP

Was your prediction in Part 3 right? One thing I learned today:

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