



Fable & Poem Theme Match

Mission: The library is making theme labels for its fable and poetry shelf. Read three short texts, match each to its true theme card (watch out for topics and silly traps!), and mark the line that proves it.

Big question: How do details in different texts reveal their themes?

★ Warm-up: Finish the moral

Complete each lesson in your own words.

In "The Tortoise and the Hare," slow and steady... ✓ **...wins the race.**

A theme must be written as a... ✓ **Complete sentence.**

Key vocabulary

Fable	A short story, often with animals, that teaches a lesson.
Moral	The lesson of a fable.
Stanza	A group of lines in a poem.
Theme	The message about life in a text.

1 Box 1

Match the themes

In the simulator: Place the correct theme card on all THREE texts.

Why is "Friendship" NOT a good theme card?

☐ It is a topic, not a lesson written as a sentence ☐ None of the texts are about friends ☐ It is too long

✓ **It is a topic, not a lesson written as a sentence**

2 Box 2

Prove each one

In the simulator: In EACH text, highlight the line that best shows its theme.

What did you notice?

3 Box 3

Poem clues

In "Two Seeds," what does the second seed "making no sound" suggest?

☐ It never grew because it wouldn't take a risk ☐ It was sleeping ☐ It became a tree too

✓ **It never grew because it wouldn't take a risk**

4 Box 4

Compare

How are "The Ant and the Grasshopper" and "Two Seeds" alike?

☐ Both show that what you choose to do now affects your future ☐ Both are poems ☐ Both have lions

✓ **Both show that what you choose to do now affects your future**

5 Box 5

Explain one theme

Choose one text. What is its theme, and how does the ending show it?

Claim

Look for: Names the text; at least 8 words

Evidence

Look for: an exact quote from the text; at least 6 words

Reasoning

Look for: Explains; at least 10 words

6 Box 6

Legend: write a fable Legend only

Write a 3-sentence fable with animals that teaches: "Being kind to others comes back to you." Do not state the lesson directly.

Look for: Shows kindness; Shows it coming back later; at least 25 words

Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How do details in different texts reveal their themes?

Look for: Short fables and poems teach themes through what characters do and what happens to them. A theme is a full-sentence life lesson, not a single word like "friendship." Different texts can share similar themes about growth, preparation, and kindness.

Completion codes

Students see a code like **ABC-13** when they finish. The first part must match below. The letter is the level (E = Explorer, I = Investigator, L = Legend), and the number at the end is how many stars they earned.

Level	Code starts with
 Explorer	17K-E
 Investigator	XVM-I
 Legend	3LB-L

Watch for these misconceptions

- "The theme is one word, like friendship." That is a topic.
- "A summary includes everything that happened." It includes only the most important events.
- "There is only one correct theme." Stories can have several themes if the text supports them.