



Theme Tracker: The Broken Violin

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

My level: ☐ Explorer ☐ Investigator ☐ Legend

Mission: A theme develops across a whole story, not in one line. Track how the author builds the theme of "The Broken Violin" from the conflict, through the turning point, to the result.

Big question: How is a theme conveyed through particular details across a story?

★ Warm-up: Story mountain

For any story you know, name each part.

Conflict

Turning point

Key vocabulary	
Theme	The central message about life.
Turning point	The moment a character makes a key decision or changes.
Develop	Build up over the course of a text.
Conflict	The struggle or problem.

1 Box 1

Track the details

In the simulator: Mark the temptation (), the turning point (), and the result ().

What did you notice?

2 Box 2

The symbol

At the end, Malik feels "as if he had set down something heavy." What was the heavy thing?

☐ The guilt of keeping a secret ☐ The violin case ☐ His backpack

3 Box 3

Theme statement

Which theme statement is best supported by ALL the tracked details?

☐ Telling the truth takes courage, but it brings peace. ☐ Violins break easily. ☐ Teachers always forgive students.

☐ Never touch school instruments.

4 Box 4

Develop the theme (two quotes)

Explain how the author develops the theme through Malik's choice.

Theme Start: "The author develops the theme that..."

Evidence from the conflict and the result

Explanation Start: "These details show..."

5 Box 5

Legend: Ms. Rivera Legend only

How does Ms. Rivera's response help develop the theme? Quote her words.



Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How is a theme conveyed through particular details across a story?

Completion code:

Shown on the last screen of the simulator.