

Theme Essay Quarter 4 Week 5

Background

Stories are written with all different types of literary devices which makes it more interesting, inviting, memorable etc. One of these devices, theme, is a common and important one. Every story has one or more themes that act as currents throughout the story. According to the All American glossary of terms, themes are “a common thread or repeated idea that is incorporated throughout a literary work. A theme is a thought or idea the author presents to the reader that may be deep, difficult to understand, or even moralistic. Generally, a theme has to be extracted as the reader explores the passages of a work.”

For example, in *Shrek*, a main theme would be the importance of friendship. Throughout the story, the idea of friendship is often introduced to the viewer as an important idea, that is vital to the plot. The viewer would be able to find several examples, or times when Friendship could be seen as a theme.

Prompt

In Around the World in Eighty Days, there are many themes. Choose one theme, and find three different examples where this theme is evident in the story. You must use the S.E.E. Format found in Elegant Essay as well your book for specific examples. You must use in-text citations.