**Introduction to Theme Notes**

Essential Questions for Theme:

* What is theme?
* How do you analyze and find theme within a text?

Theme is defined as:

* The moral of the story
* The life lesson or advice achieved by the end of a text.

Theme is difficult because:

* It is subjective
  + What does subjective mean?
    - Subjective involves emotions, personal feelings, tastes, or opinions

Big Idea (Subject)/ Theme

Big Idea/Subject: one word

Example: courage, friendship, family, love, determination

Theme: the big idea expanded into a specific statement

Example: True friends are there for you not only in the good times, but also the bad times.

* Note: “Texts” are all around you- anything you read is considered a text
  + A text can range from a full novel to a song you listen to.

Process Leading Towards Theme:

Think of the following questions as a guiding step-process to reveal the theme within a text:

1. Who is involved?
2. What is the conflict?
3. What is the end result and why does this happen?