# Pathways to a Theme

**When you have read your chosen story, respond to the following questions:**

1. What is happening in the story? Answer in point form or full sentences.
* There was a boy who was lost in a storm and came upon very large people
* He spent time with them until he started to think of his family.
1. Identify and describe the conflict in the story.
* Although the boy was having much fun, he started to miss his own family and people.
* He got lost in the storm
1. Brainstorm words or phrases that connect to the class discussion on the human condition.
* “ he know this.you are welcome” the chief from the other world made him feel welcome in his time of harship and confusion
* “but now you are thinking of your own village” sometimes its good to forget the best but it may be very important, as humans we give love and comfort to those who look like they need it.
1. **What are 2-3 the theme or big idea of the story? Create a theme statement**.

-You can create a theme statement by using the formula **topic+treatment (+/-) = result**. Eg. In Macbeth, one could say that “ambition + too much = destruction”. Therefore the theme statement would be “*Too much ambition can lead to destruction*”

**-A theme statement has** **no absolutes, no cliches and no conversational language**. Eg. “*I think its to never judge a book by its cover”* **is NOT a good theme statement.**

Topic going through harship + beleiving in hope = a positive outcome

Theme Statement: going through hardship and believing in hope will tur out to be a positive outcome.

Topic getting lost + treatment(+/-) nice people = coping with pain

Theme Statement: getting lost and problems accuring with nice thoughtful people by your side will help with coping with pain

Topic having fun + positive vibes treatment(+/-)= not realizing time

Theme Statement: having a good time with positive people and vibes will make time go by fast.

1. **Change the theme statements into a deep questions.** Eg. *What can be the result of too much ambition?* OR *Can too much ambition lead to destruction?*
* **Can others effect your fait with positive vibes?**
* If you cant find home can positive people cop with loss?
* Would you realize time with fun and positive vibes around you?