# 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.

-A boy doesn’t like this this other boy and considers him an enemy and talks about when he moved here

- Then the kids dad talks about enemy pie and how it is supposed to be for enemies but to make enemy pie work, you need to spend a whole day with your enemy.

-So he spent the whole day with him and realized it was fun and he thought he was his friend

-Then they started to eat the pie and it was really good

1. Identify and describe the conflict in the story.

Person vs. person (jeremy vs. main character)

1. Brainstorm words or phrases that connect to the class discussion on the human condition.

Friendship can be a word you can use. “Don’t judge a book by its cover”.

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 \_\_\_hate\_\_\_ + treatment(+/-) \_\_\_\_talking it out\_\_\_\_ = result \_\_\_\_peace\_\_\_\_\_

Theme Statement

You can’t hate someone before haven’t talked to them.

Topic \_\_\_\_revenge\_\_\_\_ + treatment(+/-) \_\_fun times\_\_\_ = result \_\_\_friend\_\_\_

Theme Statement

Revenge is useless when you’re having a fun time with your new friend

Topic \_\_\_\_\_ + treatment(+/-) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = result \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theme Statement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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?*
2. **Why hate someone if you don’t know them?**
3. **Why are people so focused on revenge when they could be having a fun time?**