**Block C – theme statements**

For each statement, work with a partner to decide if it can be a guiding thesis for an essay on the two stories; if not, can the statement be used somewhere else in the essay? Does the statement follow the rules of writing a theme statement?

1. If we keep up the mindset that we are above nature, we will die. The arrogance and hubris that people have is killing society. It is not only us; we are one species that is equal to everything living.
2. Don’t let arrogance drive you to make decisions. Do what is right, not what everyone else is doing.
3. Trust your gut and think before you act. Because hubris and irrational choices may affect your future in ways you would never expect.
4. The overall meaning is about how arrogant humans are against nature and how we have such a high demand over it. We take and we take but we still want more but nature always wins.
5. Trust yourself, don’t be hubris, don’t do things alone and you will have a better chance of survival.
6. Arrogance towards nature can lead to great disaster.
7. Don’t let yourself be pushed into something you know is wrong, listen to yourself.
8. There will always be consequences with your actions.
9. Don’t let your arrogance grab a hold of you.
10. Our ego is way over our heads and we need to get our act together if we want our children and grandchildren to have a good life on this planet. Our planet is changing fast and don’t realize how arrogant we actually are.
11. The excessive pride and arrogance of people can often lead to conflict with nature.
12. We cannot control or use nature however we want. We need to change our thoughts and listen to our inner voice because in the SD he changed his thoughts and he survived but in a Mountain Journey he did not and died.
13. Humanity needs to realize that we are not above everything. There are things we can and cannot do, and we shouldn’t try to change that. Our arrogance causes us to do things we shouldn’t.
14. If we do not change, our arrogance can get us in an uphill battle.
15. Sometimes we do not consider the consequences of our actions; therefore, our arrogance could lead to unpleasant situations.
16. Humans are very hubris and we think we’re masters of nature. If we continue to ignore the warnings, nature will kill us.
17. Wilderness may take the finest of us but with proper decisions and a bit of luck you may live to tell the tale.