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Book Title One Human Family, Food For All

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Author _____

Pathways to a Theme

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

1. What is happening in the story (This is the surface story)? Answer in **point form** or **full sentences**.

- Six different people are trying to eat soup from a long spoon over a massive hole. They each have a spoon
- They are from different cultures/countries
- They are having a hard time feeding themselves.
- They begin to fight over the food and stop others from eating
- Finally one "country" offers to help feed the starving country
- They support each other's spoons so they can all reach the food and feed each other. Everyone grows healthy!

2. **Identify and describe** the conflict in the story. (character vs character, character vs self, character vs natural environment, character vs society, character vs. machine/supernatural)

character vs. character → the people are stopping each other from eating and being healthy

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

Eg. *Humans can be greedy. Humans like to interact with others.*

- humans are selfish
- humans fight over resources
- humans can be compassionate and work together

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4. What are 2-3 themes or big ideas of the story (the REAL story) ? Create a theme statement.

-You can create a theme statement by using the formula **topic+treatment (+/-) ⇒ result = resolved** Eg. In Macbeth, one could say that "ambition + too much ⇒ cruel = destruction". Therefore the theme statement would be "*Too much ambition can lead to cruelty and possibly end in the destruction of one's self and position*" or "power + corruption ⇒ division = destroyed relationships" would be "*When power is corrupted, divisions occur and relationships may be destroyed*"

-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 Food/Eating + treatment(+/-) too little ⇒ result starving = resolved work together

Theme Statement

When countries are starving because of food shortage or conflict, the world must work together to be healthy.

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In order for the world's population to be healthy and have equal opportunity to food, countries must work together.

5. Change the theme statements into a deep questions. Eg. What can be the result of too much ambition? OR How does one balance ambition with empathy? Or How does the quest for power affect relationships?

How can humans stop world hunger?

6. How can you challenge the theme of the story or extend your thinking? Do you disagree? Or see the other side of the story? Are there questions that need to be clarified or asked to extend your thinking?

What are ways countries can work together?
How can Canada help? How can I help?