



THEME GARDEN CRAFT



Grow Understanding. Watch Meaning Bloom!

Students grow their understanding of theme
by identifying the story's lesson using
character actions, key events, and text evidence.



CHARACTER ACTIONS

What did the
characters do?

KEY EVENTS

What happened
in the story?

TEXT EVIDENCE

What does the
text tell us?

STORY: _____
NAME: _____





TEACHER DIRECTIONS

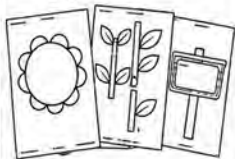
Theme Garden Craft



This craft helps students grow their understanding of theme by identifying the story's lesson using character actions, key events, and text evidence.

STEPS:

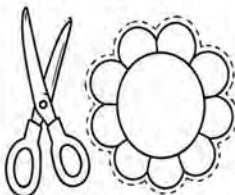
- 1** Print and copy all pieces of the theme garden on construction paper.



- 2** Students write in each flower using details from the story.



- 3** Students cut out all pieces carefully.



- 4** Students glue the stems to the back of each flower.



- 5** Students arrange and glue the flowers, grass, and watering can inside the message.



MATERIALS:

- Printed templates
- Construction paper
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue sticks



TEACHER TIP:

Encourage students to use specific details from the text to support their theme. The more evidence they use, the more their flowers will bloom with meaning!



**CHARACTER
ACTIONS**

Annabelle
catches the box
of colorful yarn.

KEY EVENTS

Annabelle finds
the yarn and
decides to knit
sweaters for
everyone.

TEXT EVIDENCE

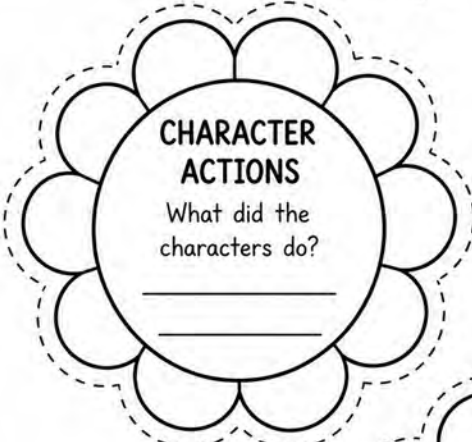
"She knitted
sweaters for
dogs and cats,
for birds and
mice..."

STORY: Extra Yarn

NAME: Josh

THEME GARDEN FLOWERS

Color, cut, and glue the flowers to your theme garden!



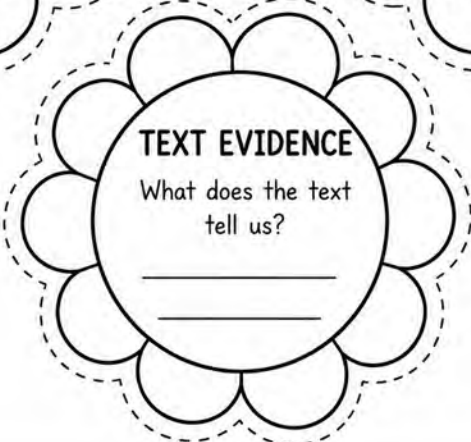
CHARACTER ACTIONS

What did the characters do?



KEY EVENTS

What happened in the story?



TEXT EVIDENCE

What does the text tell us?

THEME GARDEN CRAFT CUTOUTS

Color, cut, and glue the pieces
to create your theme garden!

STORY: _____

NAME: _____

THEME:

The lesson or message
the author wants us
to learn.

