

75 COMMON THEME TOPICS

A theme is a broad idea, message, moral, universal truth or lesson expressed.

1. Confidence vs. insecurities
2. Overcoming fears
3. Appreciation/ gratitude
4. Acceptance/ tolerance
5. Kindness
6. Honesty
7. Teamwork/ goals/ collaboration
8. Overcoming adversities
9. Loss of innocence/ Coming of age (Learning about the harsh realities of the world)
10. Sacrifice (What will you do or say to save/ help someone else?)
11. Nature vs. nurture
12. Fall from grace (i.e., opening Pandora's Box, tasting the forbidden fruit, etc.)
13. Love (platonic - romantic)
14. Friendship (How far will you go? Standing up for friends, etc.)
15. Fate/ destiny (Are you in control of your fate? Is there such a thing?)
16. Revenge (Good vs. bad outcomes, etc.)
17. Taking advantage of...
18. The unexplained (mysterious happenings which cannot be reasonably explained)
19. The importance of education/ Intellectual education/ Moral education
20. Bravery vs. cowardice
21. Racism and prejudice
22. Role of women, minorities, etc.
23. Maturity vs. immaturity
24. Social class structure/ inequalities/ poverty
25. Code of conduct
26. Privacy and security
27. Uncertainty (Or, the impossibility of certainty)
28. Life and death (mortality and immortality/ circle of life)
29. The American Dream (Or, the decline of it)
30. Time (the value of it)
31. Social change
32. Civilized vs. uncivilized society
33. Hatred and regret
34. Existence of good and/ or evil
35. The power of one
36. Innocence and experience
37. Choices and possibilities
38. Guilt vs. forgiveness
39. Family bond/ loyalty
40. Religion/ spirituality/ faith
41. Heroism
42. Freedom (Causes of/ consequences of...)

43. Individuality vs. group
44. Liberty and authority
45. Fame and fortune
46. Greed and selfishness
47. Personal vs. public property
48. Commitment (marriage, career, family, friends, responsibilities, etc.)
49. Abuse (physically, emotionally, etc.)
50. Life out of balance/ chaos vs. order
51. Personal vs. group identity (how is it defined?)
52. Beauty (is in the eye of the beholder)
53. Life is short
54. Alienation/ shunned from family, friends, life, society, etc.
55. Value of life (in creatures big and small)
56. Attraction
57. Purpose of life
58. War vs. peace
59. Betrayal/ breaking a bond
60. Desire to escape
61. Empowerment
62. Communication: verbal and nonverbal
63. Ignorance vs. knowledge
64. Emptiness/ loneliness
65. Traditions vs. change
66. Government/ capitalism/ socialism/ communism/
67. Responsibilities
68. Crime and the law
69. Peer pressure
70. Human needs
71. Patterns (in human interaction, nature, etc.)
72. Conflict (Interpersonal, intrapersonal, etc.)
73. Exploration
74. Relationships (purpose of, etc.)
75. Force (attracts, repels, influences of, causes of)