

## Standards Focus: Theme

### Chapters 10-12

**Theme** is the central idea or message in a work of literature. Because theme is so important to a piece of literature, the title, plot, characters, setting, and mood, all creatively work together to create a message from the author to the reader.

*Directions: For questions 1-3, state the theme for each quote from the text. For questions 4-6, find an example from the text that illustrates the given theme from The Outsiders.*

1. Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: "We gotta win that fight tonight," Dally said. His voice was hard. "We gotta get even with the Socs. For Johnny."

2. Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: "Just don't forget that some of us watch the sunset too."

3. Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: "You know," Johnny said slowly, "I never noticed colors and clouds and stuff until you kept reminding me about them. It seems like they were never there before."

4. Theme: It is important for teenagers to feel like they are loved and supported.

Example:

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5. Theme: Loyalty is important in any relationship.

Example:

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6. Theme: Friendship is something we all need.

Example:

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