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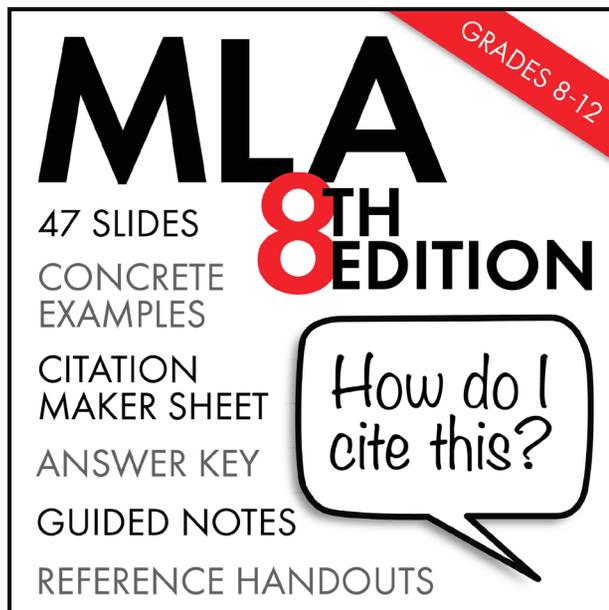
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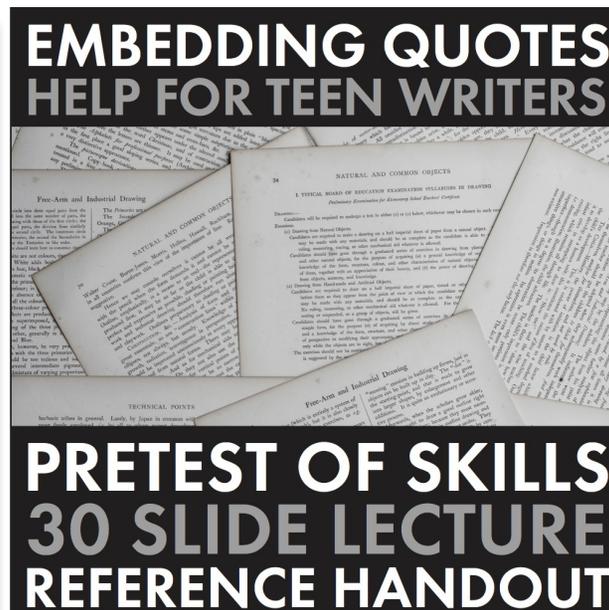


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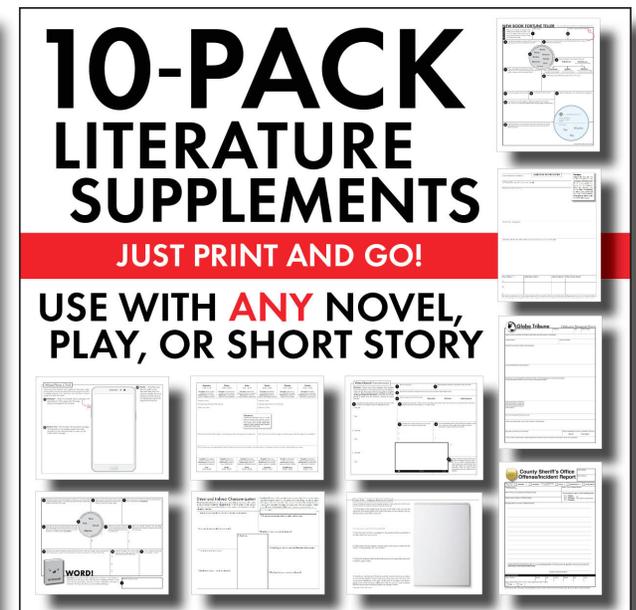
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Theme

Theme: An insight about human life that's revealed in a literary work.

- Theme is rarely directly stated by author
- Good lit. = lots of possible, provable themes
- Ask, "What's the author's message to me?"

Theme ≠ Topic

Warning! Warning! Warning!

- Theme is always more than one word

"Friendship"

"Bravery"

"Adversity"

- If your theme sounds like a Hallmark card or a fortune cookie message, you need to dig deeper to find a unique, compelling theme.

Harry Potter theme?



The author's message to the reader is that

Harry Potter theme?



The author's message to the reader is that to become a powerful leader, it is necessary to break some rules.

Harry Potter theme?



~~The author's message to the reader is that~~ To become a powerful leader, it is necessary to break some rules.



Shrek theme?

The author's message to the reader is that



Shrek theme?

The author's message to the reader is that only those willing to face the ugliest parts of themselves are able to find true love.



Shrek theme?

~~The author's message to the reader is that~~ Only those willing to face the ugliest parts of themselves are able to find true love.