

MAIN THEME PART 2



READING COMPREHENSION

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I. DIRECTIONS. Write the letter of the best choice in the space provided.

1. Read the quotations below from Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. Match each one with the theme or lesson it suggests.

(A)

Don't pretend to feel something you don't.

(B)

Love is believing in people's strengths.

(C)

There are some things you must face alone.

Quotation	Theme
They protested, and it was hard to let them go after all we'd been through, but I knew I had to do this last part of the quest by myself.	_____
My mother can make me feel good just by walking in the room. . . . When she looks at me, it's like she's seeing all the good things about me, none of the bad.	_____
In a strange way, I was glad that Poseidon was so distant. If he'd tried to apologize . . . it would've felt fake.	_____

2. Read the quotations below from S. E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. Match each one with the theme or lesson it suggests.

(A)

Hearing other people's points of view often helps us relate to them.

(B)

Nature can bring people together.

(C)

Knowledge is not the same as common sense.

Quotation	Theme
Maybe the two different worlds we lived in weren't so different. We saw the same sunset.	_____
Someone should tell their side of the story, and maybe people would understand then and wouldn't be so quick to judge a boy by the amount of hair oil he wore.	_____
I'm supposed to be smart; I make good grades and have a high IQ and everything, but I don't use my head.	_____

3. Read the quotations below from Beverly Cleary's *Dear Mr. Henshaw*. Match each one with the theme or lesson it suggests.

(A)

It is important to find your own voice.

(B)

Having someone recognize your talent builds confidence.

(C)

It is important to keep trying.

Quotation	Theme
I want to do what you said in your tips and write like me, not like somebody else.	_____
"I just got honorable mention," I said, but I was thinking, She called me an author. A real live author called me an author.	_____
I have heard that real authors sometimes have their books turned down. I figure you win some, you lose some.	_____

4. Read the quotations below from J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Return of the King*. Match each one with the theme or lesson it suggests.

(A)

Help can come from unexpected places.

(B)

It is important to carry on even in the face of obstacles.

(C)

Solve the problem in front of you.

Quotation	Theme
"Even in this gloom hope gleams again. . . . The accursed darkness itself has been a cloak to us."	_____
"It is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us . . . uprooting the evil in the fields that we know."	_____
"I'll get there, if I leave everything but my bones behind," said Sam. "And I'll carry Mr. Frodo up myself, if it breaks my back and heart."	_____

5. Read the quotations below from Edward Bloor's *Tangerine*. Match each one with the theme or lesson it suggests.

(A)

We show our character through what we say.

(B)

Even the smallest deeds can take courage.

(C)

Good friends see beyond our weaknesses.

Quotation	Theme
I'm not saying I was a hero. All I did was slide around in the mud and try to pull people up. But I didn't panic and run, either.	_____
Kerri Gardner knows about my glasses, but she doesn't think there's anything wrong with me.	_____
I took in the ugliness of Joey's words, and I saw, for the first time, how different he was from me.	_____

6. Read the quotations below from Daniel Keyes's *Flowers for Algernon*. Match each one with the theme or lesson it suggests.

(A)

Progress is based on the work of others.

(B)

Learning should help you examine your beliefs.

(C)

The most meaningful gift is showing that you care.

Quotation	Theme
"Now I understand that one of the important reasons for . . . getting an education is to learn that the things you've believed in all your life aren't true."	_____
"No one really starts anything new, Mrs. Nemur. Everyone builds on other men's failures. There is nothing really original in science."	_____
"There are a lot of people who will give money or materials, but very few who will give time and affection."	_____