

4TH GRADE UNIT GUIDE

MARCH

Reading

RL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

Determine Theme

Theme: the message the author wants to leave you with OR the lesson the author wants you to learn.

Ask: What do the characters learn?
How do the characters grow?

Common Topics:

Cooperation Love Trust Friendship
Courage Perseverance
Acceptance Loss Family Fitting In

What is the author trying to teach you about the topic?

You can't give up if you want to accomplish your goals. (perseverance)

Once trust is lost it is hard to earn back.

Working together can ease our burdens. (cooperation)

Vocabulary

Theme
Summarize
Details
Drama
Poem

Activity

Finding Central Message

What PROBLEM did the character face?	How did they SOLVE it?	What LESSON did they learn?	What could you learn? (Theme)

