

Book Club Focus Assessment and Rubric

Name: _____

Poppy
Book Club Focus Assessment

Identify Theme

Directions: Use what you know about the characters in **Poppy** to answer each of the following questions.

Other than fear and courage, which of the following themes do you think is MOST evident in *Poppy*? Why do you think this is an important theme?

- A great journey
- Love and friendship
- Coming of age
- Person vs. Nature

Fill in the blank with the word that makes the most sense.
A good summary only tells the _____ details.

(A) best
(B) little
(C) important
(D) unimportant

Give one example from *Poppy* that demonstrates how Poppy had fear, but showed courage.

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Focus Assessment for Theme



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Answer Key

Directions: Use what you know about the characters in **Poppy** to answer each of the following questions.

Choose a location in *Poppy* (Gray House, Dimwood Forest, Glitter Creek, New House, etc.). Describe how that setting is used to support the theme of Fear and Courage.

Answer: Glitter Creek is a location that scares Poppy a lot. It is a large, fast moving creek that Poppy is worried about crossing. She has enough courage to make a plan, and then cross the creek. It is dangerous, but she knows it has to be done in order to continue on in her journey.

Write a Somebody Wanted But So Then summary about the battle between Poppy and Mr. Ocax.

Answer: Poppy wanted to go home, but she saw Mr. Ocax so they started to fight and then Poppy shoved Ereth's quill in Mr. Ocax's foot and he fell to his death.

Which detail from chapter 1 is the LEAST important?

(A) The moon is a thin crescent shape.
(B) Mr. Ocax is an owl.
(C) Mr. Ocax ate Ragweed.
(D) Ragweed and Poppy did not ask permission to be on Bannock Hill.

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Answer Key



Themes Focus Assessment Rubric

Student: _____ Date: _____

CCSS Reading Literature Standard 4.2
Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

Levels	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Secure
Correct Answers	0 – 1 Correct	2 – 3 Correct	4 – 5 Correct	6 Correct
Specific Skill: Identify theme	Was not able or is beginning to identify, track, or summarize a theme in a text.	Is able to identify, track, and summarize a theme in a text some of the time.	Is able to identify, track, and summarize a theme in a text most of the time.	Is able to identify, track, and summarize a theme in a text all of the time.

If student is less than secure, he or she needs to work on the following:

- Determining a main theme from a text.
- Using text to support a theme throughout a text.
- Identifying theme through a character's actions.
- Identifying theme through story elements such as plot, setting, conflict, and resolution.
- Summarizing the text.

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Rubric with Optional Common Core Alignment

