

All Summer in a Day (page 209)**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder****Understanding Theme**

A **theme** is the meaning or moral of a story. Themes are usually unstated. To discover a theme you must make inferences based on the characters and the plot. Often, clues to the theme can be found in the actions, speech, and thoughts of characters, and how the characters change as a result of the events. Fill in the chart with your answers to the questions. Then use this information to support the theme.

Questions About Story Elements	Clues to Theme
1. Who is the main character?	
2. Who are the other important characters?	
3. How do the characters change during the story?	
4. What have the characters learned?	
5. What conflicts exist in the story?	
6. What is the climax of the story?	
7. How is the conflict resolved?	

8. One of the themes of this story is "a prank can be very cruel." Which of the story details you added to the chart above help show this theme?

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Science Fiction

Science fiction stories are based on scientific or technological developments—either real or futuristic. Many of these stories combine fantastic, imaginary details with realistic, concrete details. Often science fiction stories deal with issues that people today face while also looking to the future and imagining “what if?” As you read, note the fantastic and realistic details you find.

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& Movie

Fantastic Details	Realistic Details

Follow Up: How is this future similar to the present? How is it different?
