

Repairs That Matter

Use character choices to infer themes within and across two short texts.

7.7.A “infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that show a character making a choice or responding to a problem. Circle details that connect the two texts, because these details can help you infer more than one theme.

Two Repairs

- ① Text 1, The Gate: Mina raced her bike along the community garden path and clipped the wooden gate. One hinge pulled loose. Nobody was nearby, and she could have rolled home before the rain started. Instead, she leaned her bike against the fence and found Mr. Reyes, the gardener. “I broke it,” she said. Together they held the gate steady while he replaced the hinge. Mina missed the first ten minutes of the movie, but the garden stayed closed safely during the storm.
- ② Text 2, The Wall: Across town, Omar noticed that new paint had covered the faded mural beside the library. His grandmother had helped paint it years earlier, and each bird in it represented a neighborhood family. Omar wanted to complain online, but first he asked the librarian what had happened. She explained that rain had damaged the wall and the city planned a plain replacement. Omar photographed old pictures, interviewed neighbors, and brought their stories to the planning meeting. The officials agreed to include a new mural in the repair.
- ③ On Saturday, Omar returned with brushes and a sketchbook. Mina, whose aunt lived near the library, joined the painting crew after hearing about the project. Neighbors suggested birds, colors, and names for the wall. Omar carefully added a small green bird for his grandmother. Mina painted the gate from her garden, although no one else knew why it mattered to her. When the mural was finished, people paused to point out their family birds. The repaired wall did more than cover rain stains.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which theme does Text 1 develop about responding to a mistake? Cite two details from the text.

2 What theme about a community's history does Text 2 develop? Cite two details from the text.

3 What theme is shared across Text 1 and Text 2? Explain how one detail from each text supports it.

4 Text 2 develops more than one theme. What theme about listening to others is suggested in paragraphs 2 and 3? Use two details.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose another literary text you have read. Write exactly three sentences: state one theme it shares with Text 1 or Text 2 and support it with one detail from each text, then state one different theme and support it with a detail from one text.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that show a character making a choice or responding to a problem. Circle details that connect the two texts, because these details can help you infer more than one theme. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which theme does Text 1 develop about responding to a mistake? Cite two details from the text.	Taking responsibility means admitting a mistake and helping repair the harm. Mina tells Mr. Reyes that she broke the gate and stays to help replace the hinge, even though she misses part of the movie.
2	What theme about a community's history does Text 2 develop? Cite two details from the text.	Community history should be remembered and protected. The old mural's birds represent neighborhood families, and Omar gathers photographs and neighbors' stories so the repair will include a new mural.
3	What theme is shared across Text 1 and Text 2? Explain how one detail from each text supports it.	People can improve shared places by taking action when a problem appears. Mina helps repair the damaged garden gate, and Omar brings research and community stories to the planning meeting for the damaged wall.
4	Text 2 develops more than one theme. What theme about listening to others is suggested in paragraphs 2 and 3? Use two details.	Listening to community members can lead to a more meaningful solution. Omar interviews neighbors, and the painting crew uses neighbors' suggested birds, colors, and names in the mural.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Text 1 and "Thank You, M'am" share the theme that a mistake can become a chance to make a better choice. Mina admits damaging the gate and helps fix it, while Roger stops trying to escape after Mrs. Jones treats him with unexpected care. Only Text 1 develops the theme that protecting a shared place requires personal responsibility, shown when Mina stays to secure the garden gate before the storm.

Accept reasonable theme statements, not single-topic words, when students support them with accurate details. For the open task, check for one valid shared theme, one distinct theme, evidence from both texts for the shared theme, and exactly three sentences.