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Name: _____ Date: _____

Math:

Continue with Iready Testing

hwk: Organize math binder / folder

Social Studies:

Continue w/ and Complete
Packet on Ancient India from yesterday.

no hwk

ELA:

Daily Warm Up

Literature Circle - Determining Theme

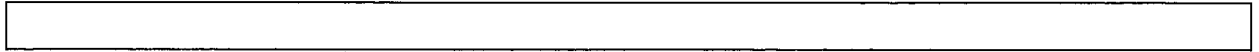
Science

Computer Web Quest Day 2

Complete steps 5-8

(Goal: complete the Research by Friday)
(HW: Watch a weather forecast.)

Computer Apps/ Technology



Generate a Theme Statement

Step 1

Generate a list of topics relevant to the story.

- List ideas that are representative of character actions.
- Consider the life skills or personality traits characters demonstrated.
- Recall events/situations and how characters reacted to them.
- Reflect on significant choices characters made.

Step 2

Complete the sentence: *The author believes that...*

- Include "what" lesson is learned and "why" it is important.
- Avoid specific references to details about characters, setting, or plot.
- Utilize general references like *a person, someone, an individual, people, etc.*

Step 3

Cross off the words *The author believes that...*

- Edit the remaining sentence, capitalizing the first word.

With Textual Evidence

Step 4

Add textual evidence.

- Use phrases like *According to the text...* *One place the author shows this is...*
- Reference specific characters, events, actions, words, etc. from the text.
- Provide 2-3 different textual details to support the theme statement.

A student guide:

THEME vs. THEME TOPIC

Theme: The lesson the author is trying to teach you.

Themes fall under categories of *theme topics*:

Perseverance	Nature
Acceptance	Teamwork
Achievement	Compassion
Peace	Bravery
Respect	Honesty
Equality	Love
Hope	Family
Differences	Loyalty
Friendship	Kindness
Courage	Being yourself

TEAMWORK

- We rise by lifting others.
- The bigger the dream, the more important the team.
- Teamwork makes the dream work.

HONESTY

- Lies can often lead to trouble.
- Appearances can be deceptive.
- Honesty is the best policy
- Things are not always as they appear

LOYALTY

- The best alliances are based on who we are on the inside.
- Be loyal to those you love.
- True friends show themselves with loyalty.

KINDNESS

- A small, simple act of kindness can make a big difference.
- All living things deserve kindness.
- The only way to teach kindness is to show kindness.

COURAGE

- Never give up!
- Believe in yourself.
- Size does not matter when demonstrating strength.
- Have courage to stand up for what is right.

BEING YOURSELF

- Sometimes in order to be yourself, you first have to figure out who you are.
- Don't blend in when you were born to stand out.
- Who you are inside is exactly who are you meant to be.

Complete with their literature circle

I Can Determine the Theme of A Story, Drama, or Poem

Highlight the topic or big idea presented in the text or write your own in the last box.			
Challenges	Friendship	Perseverance	Courage
Kindness	Differences	Love	Honesty/Trust
Responsibility	Teamwork	Forgiveness	Hard Work
Hope	Loyalty	Equality	Cooperation
Acceptance	Jealousy/Envy	Adventure	Helping Others
Independence	Imagination	Fear	Discovery
Beauty	Community	Bravery	Community
Change	Make a Difference	Fairness	Death/Loss
Sacrifice	Temptation	Nature	Peace
Anger/Hate	Self-Control	Survival	

Evidence

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Theme: What is the author's message about the topic or the big idea?

