**Group Theme Exploration**

**Remember!**

A topic will be one or two words that refer to a BIG general idea.

**STEP ONE:**

In the box below, list the topics explored in your summer

reading story of choice.

**Topics**

**Remember!**

**Your theme statement should describe what the reader can learn about the chosen topic from the novel.**

The theme statement **SHOULD NOT** mention character names.

The theme statement

**SHOULD** apply to the real world.

**STEP TWO:**

With your group, choose one of the topics above (CIRCLE IT!) to

write a theme statement about. Write this theme statement on the

lines below.

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**STEP THREE:**

You will need two solid pieces of evidence for your essay. Try to find four pieces of evidence that develop the theme statement your group has written. (That way, you can choose your favorite for your essay!) *Don’t forget to include the page number!*

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**STEP FOUR: Body Paragraph basics (You will use this when writing your essay)**

Copy down the two pieces of evidence that you believe to be the strongest. After each quotation, write an explanation showing the connection between the quotation and the theme statement your group created.

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