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GROWING A THEME

A theme is a very important message or lesson in a story. Although themes can be described in one word, they are not simple. An author must carefully combine the right elements in order to create a successful theme. From these elements, a theme can grow.

A flower needs certain elements to grow, too. It needs sunlight, water, and soil. Complete the diagram below to show how the author grew a theme in the novel.

- In the middle of the flower, write an important theme from the novel.
- On the sun, write an idea that helped grow this theme.
- On the watering can, write another idea that helped grow the theme. Then write one more idea on the soil below the flower.

Example: If the theme is **friendship**, write on each element about a different act of friendship that helped show this theme throughout the novel.

