



ELA Virtual Learning

4th Grade

April 9, 2020



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Lesson: April 9, 2020

Learning Target:

Students will...

- Make inferences and draw conclusions
- Summarize and identify the theme
- Describe characters personality traits

Background: This is a review lesson from 4th Grade

- Students learn to make inferences and draw conclusions throughout 4th grade
- Students learn to summarize and identify the theme in 3rd quarter of 4th grade
- Students learn to describe characters personality traits in first quarter of 4th grade

Let's Get Started:

Watch Videos: [Theme Video Youtube](#)
[Making Inferences](#)

What is a **Theme**?

Theme: Life lesson, meaning, moral or message about life that the author wants the reader to know.

In other words...

Theme is what the story teaches the reader.

You have to make an **inference** to identify the theme of the story.

Examples: Friendship, acceptance, bravery



Listen to the video [Enemy Pie](#) thinking about the theme of the video. [Enemy Pie](#)

Remember to get the most out of a text, you should understand the theme of the story which is the **message** that the author wants you to know.

Practice #1: Let's Practice

Make an inference as to why Jeremy Ross was on the main character's enemy list.

Think back to the video.

- The ideas, words, and details in a story are *clues to help you make inferences about the attitudes, feelings, or ideas expressed in the story.*



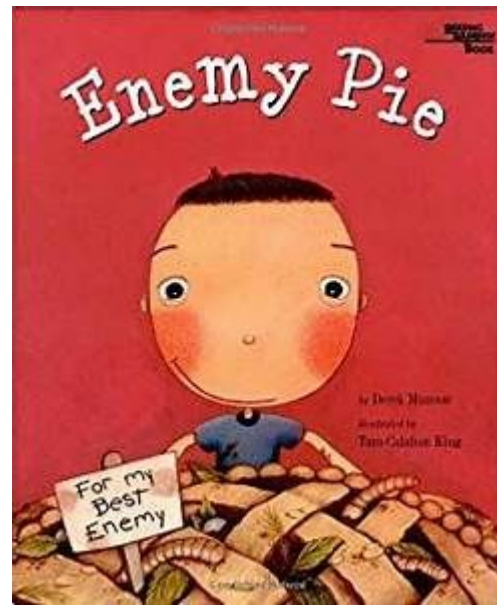
Possible Answers to Practice #1

- Jeremy wasn't very nice.
 - He laughed at the main character during a baseball game.
- Jeremy did not invite the main character to his party on his trampoline

Practice #2:

Think back to the video.

- A theme is a message or lesson that an author wants to reveal.



What is the theme of the story Enemy Pie?

Possible Answers to Practice #2

- Get to know someone before you judge them.
 - Don't judge a book by its cover.
 - Be kind to others.

Practice #3:

Think back to the video.

- The character's words and actions are often clues to how the character feels or thinks about something.



What does dad do to help the main character and Jeremy become friends?

Possible Answers to Practice #3

- Dad makes a pie with his son to give to Jeremy Ross.
- Dad convinced the main character to go spend a whole day with Jeremy Ross.
- Dad helped the main character build a friendship with Jeremy Ross.

Practice on your own:

Read the passage to identify the **theme**. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Jenny Puchovier was so excited. She had a pack of Starburst in her lunch and she had been looking forward to eating them all morning. Lunch finally came and Jenny sat down to eat her Starbursts when her *friend* Yudy sat next to her. “Let me get the pink ones,” asked Yudy. Jenny liked the pink ones best, but she thought Yudy was funny and Jenny wanted Yudy to like her, so Jenny gave Yudy all of her pink Starbursts. Before Jenny was done giving Yudy the pink ones, Carrie sat on the other side of Jenny. “Let me get the red and the orange ones, Jenny. Remember when I gave you that Snickers?” Jenny didn’t remember that, though she did remember when Carrie ate a whole Snickers in front of her, but Jenny thought Carrie was cool, so she gave her the red and the orange Starbursts. Now that she only had the yellow ones, Jenny wasn’t so excited about eating starbursts anymore.

Possible Answers to Practice on Your Own:

- You can't buy friends.
- You have to take care of yourself.
- Not everybody is your friend.

Practice:

Victor's Plan

All Victor ever wanted to do with his life was to be a singer. He didn't pay attention in school and he spent all of his time at home watching music videos online and impersonating his idols. His mother tried to teach him the value of getting an education and having a backup plan, but Victor would respond the same way every time. "Mom, I won't need to know any of that boring old stuff when I am famous. You'll see." But there was one major problem with Victor's plan: he wasn't any good at singing. Victor wanted to be a singer so badly, that he didn't notice the pained look on the faces of those who endured his singing. Because he wanted to be a singer so badly, when honest people told him to find something else to do with his life, he accused them of being "jealous haters" and ignored their advice. After Victor dropped out of high school to focus on his music career, the years passed and he became discouraged and poor.

What is the best theme for this story? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Self Check:

Go tell someone in your home your answers.



1. Was this lesson?

- easy,
- just right
- hard