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**English III: Theme and Real
World Connections in Poetry**

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Objective/Learning Target:

- Students will be able to determine two or more themes within a text.
- Students will be able to relate themes to human nature and the world.

Bell-ringer: Introducing Theme

- Directions: 3 sentences min.

Think of your favorite T.V. shows. What ideas from those shows and the stories they tell can you connect to your own life? Think of one episode as an example and describe how you learned something from it.

Learn:



- One way to practice finding themes in poetry is to follow the TPCASTT Model which helps guide you through a poem and allow you to break it down into a more manageable piece of text. Use this [template](#) as you read through today's poem.
- Here are [four short poems](#) that have a possible theme attached to them. This will give you a better idea of how to go about assigning a theme to a poem.
- This is a simplistic way of looking at how you can derive a theme or themes within a poem. Watch this [short video](#) to see how one poem can have multiple themes.

Learn:

[Examples of theme]

- Some sample themes:
 - Perseverance
 - Loss
 - Joy
 - Sadness
 - Independence
 - Physical Pain
 - Overcoming the Odds
 - Integrity
- Basically anything can be a theme, as long as you have something to say about the topic and it is special to you.
- Make sure you pick a broad theme, as something too narrow will be difficult to write about.

Practice:

- Read this thought-provoking poem by Naomi Shihab Nye titled, "[Yellow Glove.](#)" Be sure to reference the [TPCASTT template](#) as you read through the poem several times.
- Fill out the final [TPCASTT template](#) after you have analyzed the poem. Be sure to come up with *two different themes* in the final THEME box. There are many possibilities, so just be creative.
- In a short paragraph, explain how you can personally relate to this poem. Think about the themes that you came up with and apply those to your own life.



Practice Answer Key:

- In the TPCASTT template, answers will vary based on the reader's understanding of the poem and the images, words, and ideas he or she chose to focus on.
- Here are a few examples of some possible themes, but again, answers will vary based on the reader's interpretation.
- The short paragraph is based on how you interpreted the poem and how it relates to your life, so whatever you wrote is what is real and relevant for you.

If you want to learn more...Additional Resource:



If you want to learn more in depth about the TPCASTT method for analyzing poetry and finding themes, here are two really interesting videos to watch:

- ["How to TPCASTT a Poem"](#) (1:59 length)
- [TPCASTT Poem Analysis Method](#) (9:52 length)