

English III

Lesson: Wednesday April 8th

Learning Target(s):

- **Determine two or more themes in a text**
- **Analyze the development of themes throughout a text**

Bell Ringer:



Themes can be complicated to write. Themes cannot be one word, but a universal idea that anyone can understand. To identify the theme of a work, it is important to ask yourself, “What does the author want me to learn from this text?”

However, themes can be identified in more than just written word.

Watch the short film and identify the lesson you are supposed to learn from the film. This should be one sentence.

[One Man Band Short](#)

Learn:

1. Watch the [video](#) attached in this slide
2. On a piece of paper, answer the following question:
 - What does a theme need to include?
 - Why can't a theme be one word?
 - What are some of the examples of theme that is described in the video?



Learn:

Read: [Steve Jobs' Stanford University Commencement Speech](#)

You can also watch his performance of the speech. [Video of Steve Jobs' Speech](#)

Write down 3 one-word topics or ideas he presents in his speech.

Create a theme for each of the 3 ideas



Practice:

- Use the information from your notes (refer back to the text and re-watch the video if needed) to answer the following prompt on your notebook paper:
 - ➔ **Select one of the themes you create that encompasses Steve Jobs' Commencement speech and find textual evidence to support the theme. Explain how the text supports the theme you created**

Practice Answer Key:

(Answers will Vary)

- Check your answer to make sure it meets the following criteria:
 - Did you write in complete sentences?
 - Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
 - Did you answer the question?
 - Did you support and explain your answer using 2 details from the article and 2 details from the video?

Sample Proficient Answer:

Anyone can obtain success with determination, working through unexpected changes and passion. Steve Jobs' commencement speech describes the struggles he face in his life and also emphasizes that anyone can be successful if they take advantage of change. Jobs states, "And then I got fired. How can you get fired from a company you started?" (11). Even though he was rejected from his own company, he used this change as motivation to be even more successful than before. He goes on to declare, "I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. " (13). After the failure with Apple, Jobs followed his passion, worked hard and found success outside of Apple with Pixar and NeXT. Anyone can be successful if they remain passionate, determined and use changes in life as motivation.

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

Watch this [video](#) to continue creating your own themes.

