

Theme Writing Strategy Steps

Step 1: **T**hink

Step 2: **O**rganize it

Step 3: **W**rite a draft

Step 4: **E**valuate it

Step 5: **R**efine it

Parts of a Theme

- **Title**

- **Introduction**

Introductory Paragraph

- **Body**

Detail Paragraphs

- **Conclusion**

Concluding Paragraph

Introductory Paragraph

Topic Sentence:

- **Names the theme topic**
- **Grabs the reader's attention**
- **Sometimes introduces the Introductory Option**

Detail Sentences:

- **Include a transition in Lead-off Sentences**
- **Provide background information about the topic or details about the Introductory Option**

Thesis Statement:

- **Names the topic**
- **Names the subtopics**
- **Shares the main message of the theme**
- **Leads into the theme in a graceful way**

Detail Paragraph

Topic/Transition Sentence:

- Includes a transition/connection
- Names the topic
- Names the subtopic

Lead-off Detail Sentences:

- Include a transition
- Introduce a new detail

Follow-up Detail Sentences:

- Provide more information about the detail based on research

Concluding Paragraph

Concluding Transition Sentence:

- Includes a transition
- Names the topic
- Names or ties together the subtopics
- Sometimes introduces the Concluding Option

Detail Sentences:

- Summarize the subtopics or provide details about the Concluding Option

Clincher Sentence:

- Names the topic
- Provides the main message of the theme
- Gracefully closes the theme