**Example Themes for Lesson 5**

**General Essay**

Robotic spacecraft: Can they do everything spacecraft with pilots can do?

This theme is an expanded version of the example theme created for Lesson 2 on the same topic. It illustrates how a short theme can be easily expanded. Each type of spacecraft functions as a section. Each section then has two subtopics. The three sections are organized in a parallel fashion.

**Compare AND Contrast Essays**

Different as night and day?

This theme compares and contrasts two characters: Scout in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Lily in *The Secret Life of Bees*. It utilizes two sections: one for discussing the similarities, and one for discussing the differences. Each section has three subtopics/dimensions according to which the two characters are compared (or contrasted). It has two Introductory Paragraphs and one Concluding Paragraph. All three similar dimensions are covered before all three different dimensions are covered.

Gorillas: Are they our close or distant cousins?

This theme compares and contrasts gorillas and humans. It utilizes two sections: one for discussing the similarities and one for discussing the differences. Each section has three subtopics. However, the sections are mixed together such that first a similarity is discussed and then a related difference, then another similarity and its related difference, then another similarity and its related difference. In other words, the similarities and differences are paired and discussed in a mixed fashion.

**Effects Essay**

Warning: The changing climate could be hazardous to the health and welfare of all!

This theme illustrates the organization of three sections, with each section having three subtopics focusing on the effects of the changing climate. An Introductory Paragraph and a Concluding Paragraph complete the theme.