



## PEF Summer, *At Home Edition* – Lesson Plan

Class: Story Telling	Grade Band: 2-5
Teacher: Musick	Lesson: Authors use stories to teach a lesson
Objectives: Students will understand that the theme of a story is the most important lesson the author wants the reader to learn.	Materials: a favorite book or story or even movie (they do not need this, they just need to have an idea in their mind); Lined paper and a pen or pencil
<p>Process:</p> <p><b>Step 1:</b> Introduce the vocabulary word theme.</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Explain to students that just like nutritious foods feed our body, good stories can feed our hearts and minds. Stories can help us learn about the world and how to be better people in it. Authors use stories to teach their readers lessons about the world. These lessons are called themes.</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> Activity -- Create a theme statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ask students to retell a favorite story...either a book or a movie.</li> <li>● Next have them brainstorm different ideas about what the story was about, then to choose the one they think is most important.</li> <li>● Ask them to write the following on a piece of paper: The author believes_____</li> <li>● Now they should complete the sentence. Here is an example using Harry Potter. The author believes that sometimes you have to fight against evil to create a better world.</li> <li>● Finally, students cross off the part that says “The author believes that” and they are left with their theme statement!</li> </ul>	
<p>Vocabulary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Theme -- the idea or lesson the author of a story is trying to teach the reader</li> </ol>	



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