

Theme • Story Planning Framework

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Name: _____		Date: _____
Theme:		
Past, Present, or Future:		
Location:		
Environment:		
Main Character:		
Main Character's behavior at the beginning of the story and at the end:		
Helper for Main Character (if any):		
Character that makes things more difficult (if any):		
Nature's Role (if any):		
What event will teach the main character (or the audience) the lesson of your theme?		
What other events will happen as story takes place?		

Theme Story Planning Example: Paulo's Story

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Name:	Jim Smithson	Date:	October 30th
Theme:	Our futures are built by our dreams.		
Past, Present, or Future:	This story will take place in the past - a few years ago.		
Location:	Los Angeles, California		
Environment:	A part of town where the buildings are falling down, the streets are filled with trash, and life is hard.		
Main Character:	Paulo		
Helper for Main Character (if any):	Paulo's mother and a man called Dom Roberto		
Main Character's behavior at the beginning of the story and at the end:	At the beginning of the story, Paulo hates everyone and gets into a lot of trouble. At the end of the story, Paulo is working hard and does not get into trouble.		
Character that makes things more difficult (if any):	No one. Paulo makes things hard for himself.		
Nature's Role (if any):	None - the weather and the climate do not matter in this story.		
What event will teach the main character (or the audience) the lesson of your theme?	On the day that Paulo passes his Judo tests and gets his Goyku (yellow belt), he will finally understand that he has changed and that he now has a dream. He will tell his close friends and his family his dream of being the best Judoko to ever come from his part of Los Angeles.		
What other events will happen as story takes place?	He will get in trouble at school. He will be mean to other people. He will get in trouble on the streets. His mother will try to talk to him but Paulo won't listen. His mother will find a free Judo club and take Paulo to join the club. Dom Roberto will be a helper for Paulo and show him not only how to do the Judo moves but also how a person can help others and be a leader - even if you don't have a lot of money.		