

Lesson Seed Resource 4

Writing About Theme

Chapter	Patterns or Similar Events	Words that reveal author's feelings/reactions
"Sire"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esperanza dreams about having a boyfriend • Esperanza's parents discourage her from talking to Sire 	"like other girls" "blood freeze" "He is a punk, Papa says" "Mama says not to talk to him"

Format for a thesis statement on theme:

The author, _____, believes that _____
(author's name)

(big idea that ties similar events or patterns together)

_____. This is revealed by the author's _____
(Emotional Adjective)

feelings towards _____.
(specific events that the author reacts to strongly)

Sample Thesis Statement: The author, Sandra Cisneros, believes that where people grow up and how they lived helped define who they become. This is revealed by the narrator's accepting feelings towards her past, as well as present, and through her recognition that her past is a source of power rather than weakness.