

Common Themes in Literature

*Theme: The main or **central idea** of a story.*

Good vs Evil

Be careful what you ask for.

Overcoming the odds (a.k.a. Underdog wins)

Things are not always what they seem to be.

(a.k.a. Don't judge a book by its cover.)

Love conquers all (or Love beats Hate)

Technology/Science out of control (or taking over)

Coming of age (Personal growth)

Old habits are hard to break.

The good guy gets the girl.

Outsmarting the Trickster

The rightful king will rule.

Capitalism – Greed

Own worst enemy

Crime doesn't pay.

Hero's quest

Religion

Death

War

...and many more.