

Theme Assignment #1:

Plot "One-sentence Pitches" from Belief Statements

Your challenge: To create a one-sentence pitch for each of six themes based on statements crafted from your beliefs. They should each describe the synopsis for a story that illustrates a theme based on something you believe. Each pitch should explain how the setting and characters will illustrate the theme.

Process: Your goal should be to tackle at least one prompt per day by completing the following steps. (You should submit your six best.)

- a. Free write (using our guidelines) about the prompt to explore your thoughts on the topic.
- b. Use the ideas from your free write to create a belief statement (i.e., complete the sentence: "I believe..."). This will be the basis for your theme.
- c. Brainstorm plot ideas that could demonstrate your theme.
- d. Write your one-sentence pitch.

Prompts (choose six):

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| #1 about childhood | #7 about friendship |
| #2 about the natural world | #8 about family |
| #3 about how we learn | #9 about love or romance |
| #4 about adolescence | #10 about adventure or travel |
| #5 about adulthood | #11 about comfort or home |
| #6 about human nature | #12 about principles, morals, ethics, etc. |

Length guidelines: Do not exceed one page.

Format guidelines: All submissions must use a Courier New font and one-inch margins all around. For each prompt you choose, include your belief statement (one sentence), your theme (one sentence), and your one-sentence pitch.

Assessment: Your response will be assessed pass/fail based on how adequately and appropriately it addresses the assignment.

Submission guidelines: Late submissions will not be accepted. Please upload to turnitin.com by 7:59 a.m. on the assigned due date.

Any assistance in completing this assignment (including your classmates, the instructor, on-line resources, any printed material, etc.) should be noted in your declaration. I will not tolerate academic dishonesty.