**COMMON THEMES**  **Finding the Theme (Message)**

* **Acceptance:** These books have characters that accept and respect others’ differences.
* **Courage:** These books have characters that are willing to accept a challenge or take a risk.
* **Perseverance:** These books have characters who never give up, even when facing difficult times. They often overcome obstacles.
* **Cooperation:** These books have characters who work together to solve a problem or achieve a goal.
* **Compassion:** These books have characters who want to make those who are suffering feel better.
* **Honesty:** These books have characters who feel it is always best to tell the truth.
* **Identity:** These books have characters who experience life events that change them as a person. These changes often involve core values.
* **Change:** These books have characters who over the course of the story, or novel, change in a significant way. These changes can be for better or worse.
* **Kindness:** These books have characters who are friendly and generous and consider the needs of others.
* **Loyalty:** These books have characters who trust each other and never turn their backs on their friends or family.