

Theme

Different Stories - Same Theme

Read the paragraphs. Decide which theme best fits the paragraph. Cut each of the paragraphs out and glue them in the appropriate spot on the T-Chart on the next page.

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