

Tips for a theme response:

- **Focus on the conflict of the text, the resolution of the selection, recurring or repeated elements, what you know about the author's background, popular trends (Naturalism and Realism), and dialogue or internal thoughts of the characters.**
- **Take a step back when you get done reading and ask yourself, "what was the point?"**
- **Make sure to state the theme as a message or lesson from the text**
- **Use a format like TIQATIQAS.**

- **Use third person. Never use phrases like "I think" or "In my opinion"**

Notes while I read: