



# **What is the Difference Between a Story Topic and Theme?**

# TOPIC - IS THE BIG BOX

**Example:**

**I want to write a story about COURAGE.**

**Courage is my BIG BOX.**

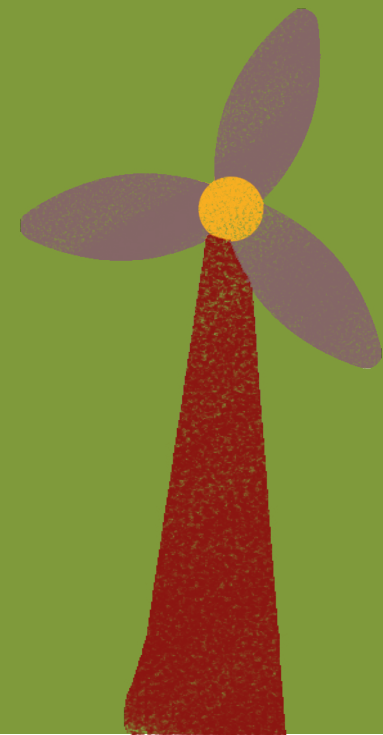
**I will label it 'COURAGE'.**



# THEME: THE UNDERLYING MESSAGE IN MY STORY

## Remember

- **Courage is my topic. My BIG BOX.**
- **Theme is the message I put inside my BIG BOX.**



## Example:

- **“Acknowledging and learning from your mistakes makes you a courageous person.”**

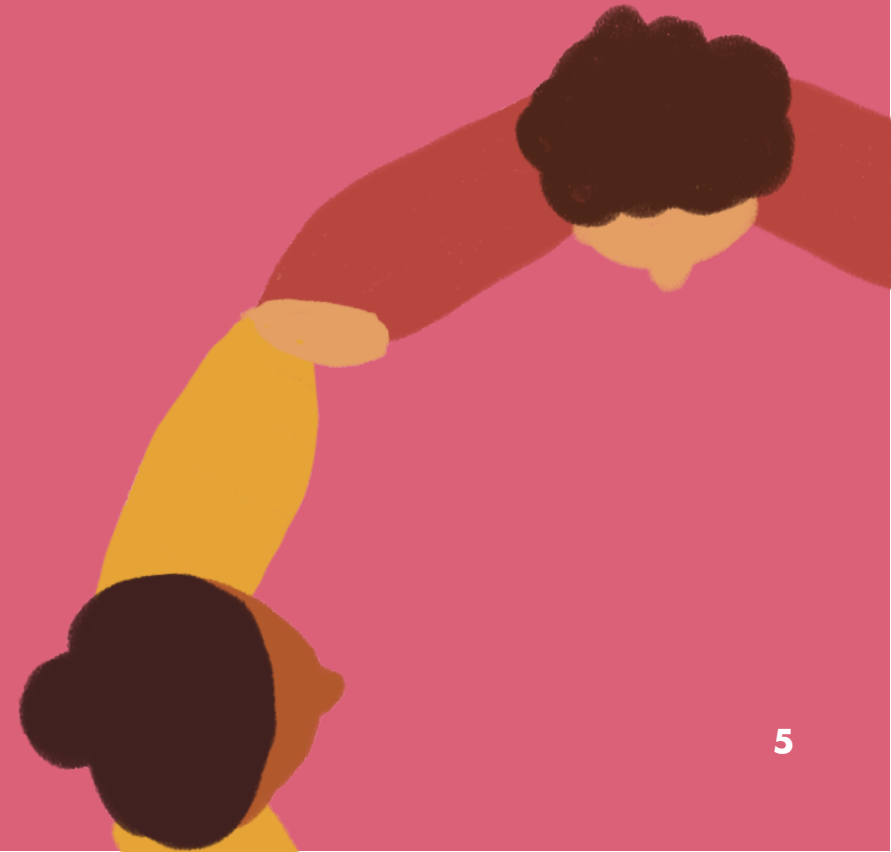
**This is the message I want my reader to take from my writing.**



# MORE THAN ONE THEME

## Remember

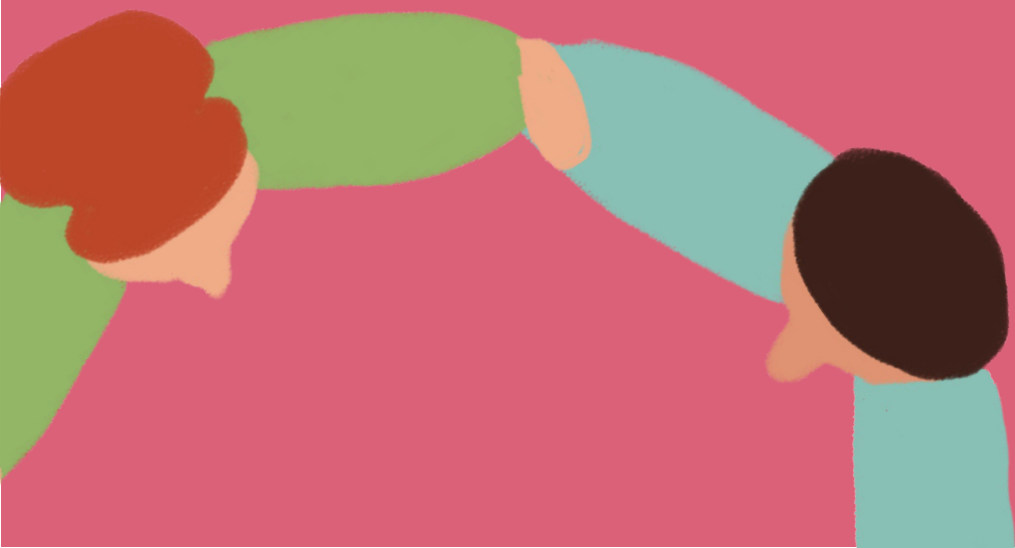
- **If courage is the BIG BOX, you can choose to tell your story engaging more than one theme.**



## Example:

- **My story is about the character learning to accept his/her mistakes, but in order to be brave enough to do that, they come across friends who support them to achieve this goal. So, my story is also about friendship.**

**The topic you choose can have shared themes and messages.**



LET'S TAKE THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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# Challenge



**Choose a topic from the list given below and create your big box.**

**Invite your friends to share their messages on your chosen topic and place them in your big box.**

**Discuss and appreciate the diverse perspectives.**

#1

Innovation

#2

Hunger

#3

Inclusion

#4

Recycling

#5

Bullying





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