Determining Theme

Theme is a message the writer wants to communicate to the reader through a story. It can be a “life lesson” that is oftentimes learned by the main character as he/she encounters conflict.

**Protagonist**
What do you know about the main character’s personality, opinions, fears, challenges? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

**Antagonist**
What do you know about the antagonist’s motives for destroying the protagonist or his/her plans? Provide evidence from the text to support.

**Trials**
What conflicts does the main character encounter throughout his/her journey? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

**Changes**
How does the protagonist change because of these conflicts?

Does he/she learn any life lessons (this can oftentimes come in the form of advice from another character)?

**Theme**
Write a one sentence generic statement expressing the “message” you can take from this story. Base this on a lesson the main character learned while facing conflict.