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The Detective's Assistant

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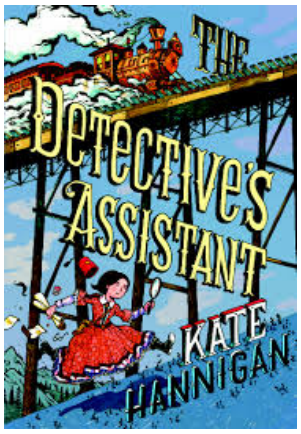

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Get a Klew!

What do we Know?	What are we Learning?	What is our Evidence?	What are we Wondering?

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Lesson 2: Making Inferences

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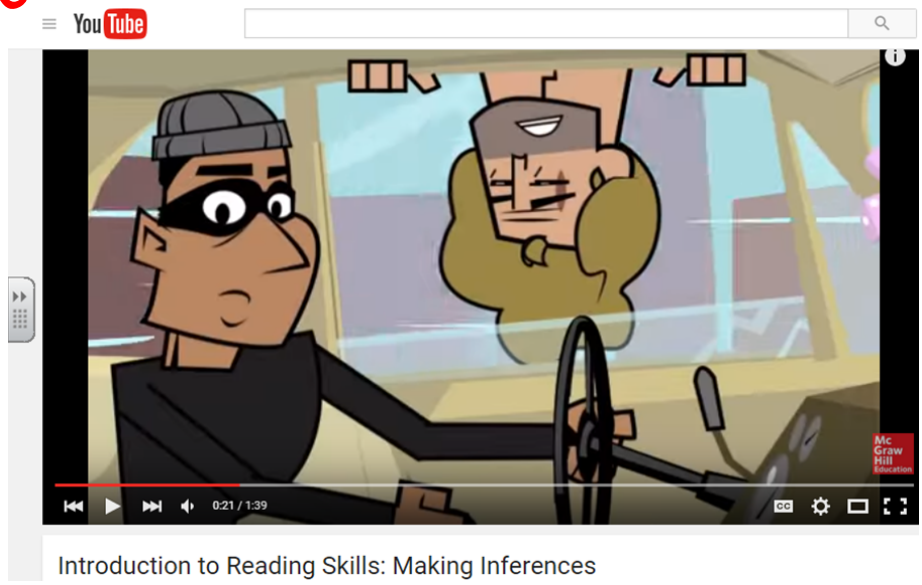

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Solving the Mystery Through Inferences

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"'how did your daddy die?"

I told her what I knew, which wasn't much. That he was shot just a few months back. That he was killed in the same woods where his brother Matthew had died a few years before. That there was something to do with slaves escaping to Canada. And that- unlike his brother's death- my daddy's passing was no accident.

"My Matthew died when your daddy shot him, Nell. End of story. And if you want to pry into my private business, Mrs. Wigginbottom, you should interrogate me and not this silly girl."

I stood as still as a vase of peonies, fearing that the two of them were about to exchange words that would send me right back to the doorstep of the Home for the Friendless"

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Putting the Clues Together

Clues from the text	What I already know in my brain

Record your inference below. Remember to include **text clues** and your **own thinking**

Your Turn!

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"Mama and the babies are fine, but I miss the dear Maple Tree. He's been moving around from place to place these past few years. Mama's so afraid for him staying safe from harm. But I will tell you this. He never did settle down here in Saint Catherine's with us. The Maple Tree is a conductor in a big city now. We only hear word about him now and again from folks who make it through."

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Lesson 3: Character Development

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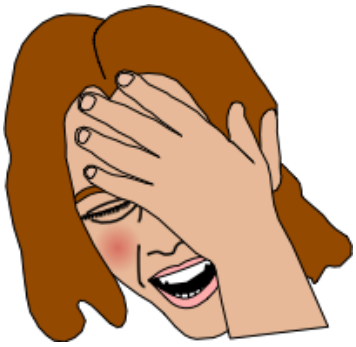

Direct Vs. Indirect Characterization

Direct

- Explicitly tells us what the personality traits of the character is
- Example: Sarah is fun

Indirect

Think **STEAL**!

- **S**peech: What does the Character say? How is it said?
- **T**houghts: What is the character thinking and feeling?
- **E**ffect on others: How do people feel or behave around the character
- **A**ctions: What does the character do?
- **L**ooks: What does the character look like?

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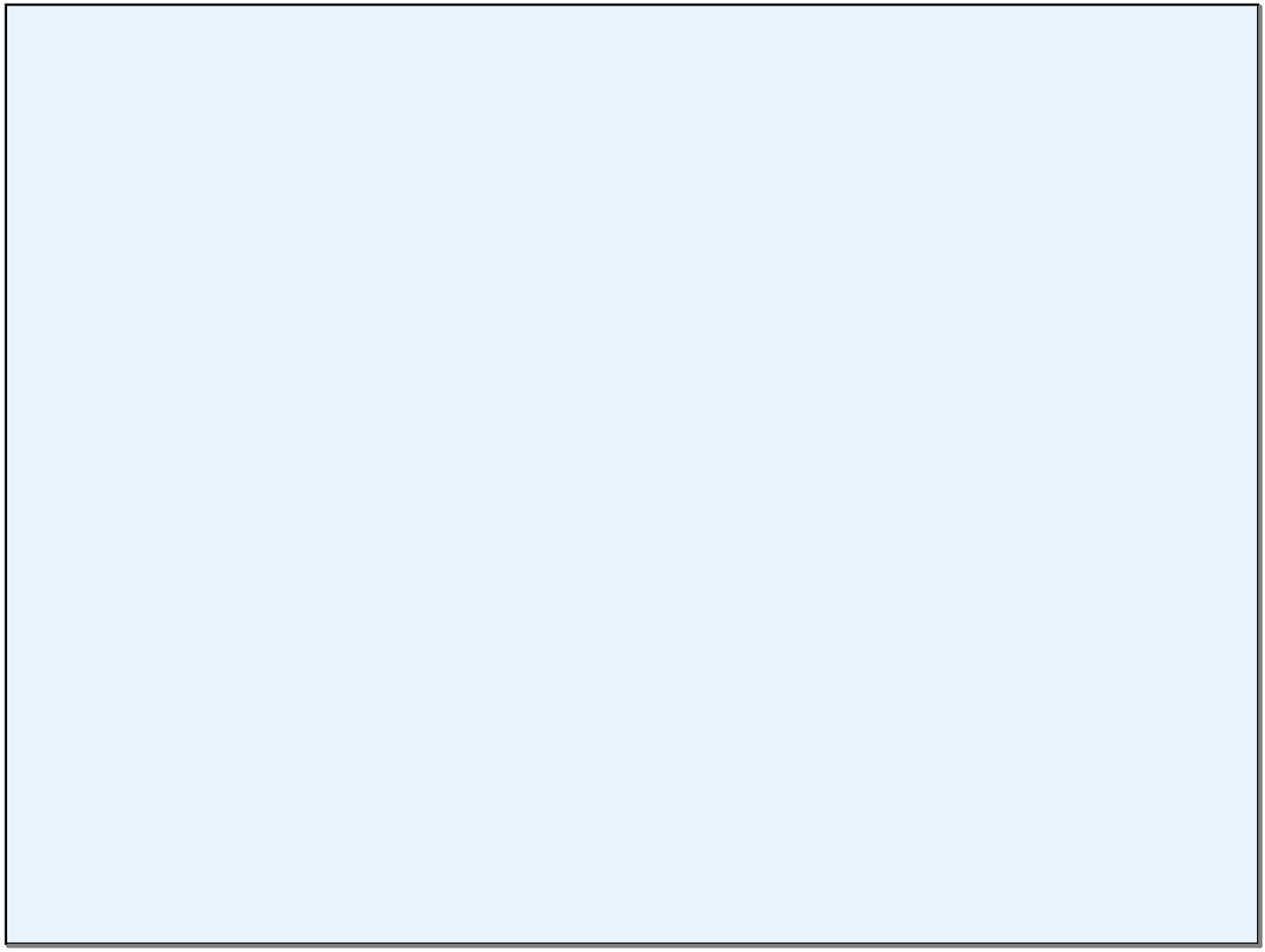

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Lesson 4: Theme

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Extracting the Theme

What is a theme?

- A **big** idea that the author is trying to convey throughout the story
- Not explicitly stated
- Novels often have more than one

Examples of theme

- Always be kind to others
- Hard work pays off
- Believe in yourself

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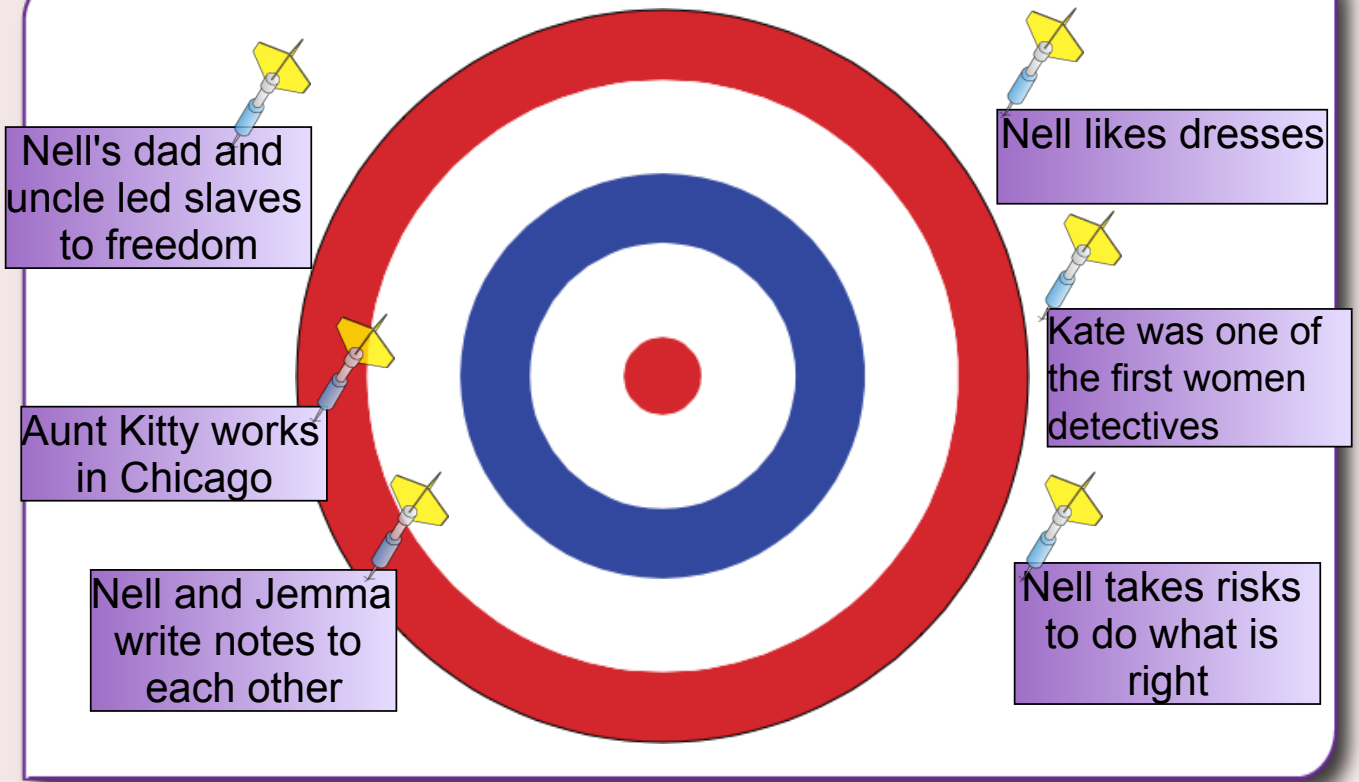
How important are these points to theme?



Finding the Theme

Synthesize the important information

1) Nell's dad and uncle led slaves to freedom
2) Nell takes risks to do what is right
3) Kate was one of the first women detectives

Knowing this, What could the theme be?