**ENG1D Lord of the Flies**

**Theme Statement**

A theme is a statement that suggests a universal observation that authors convey through their stories. Theme statements are not specific to the text; instead they offer insight that is promoted through the text.

**Possible topics for themes in Lord of the Flies include:**

civilization versus savagery

loss of innocence

innate evil in humans

anarchy versus democracy

reason (wisdom) versus power

innocence versus experience

strength versus weakness

loss of communication

and there are probably many more…

**Sample Statement of Theme**: When civilization is overcome by savagery, there is always a loss of innocence.

**Sample Connection:**

Civilization versus savagery

Loss of innocence

Using the topics above, try to create theme statements for each of the topics listed.

1. The following organizer contains a list of primary conflicts in the novel. Conflicts are not themes but often serve as signposts, which point towards themes. Within the conflict is a major idea about human nature that the author is trying to convey to you as the reader. This major idea is referred to as the theme.
2. Uncover at least 3 examples from the novel for each listed conflict. Based on the examples collected, specify the major idea the author is trying to convey (theme).

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| **Primary Conflict** | **Examples** | **Theme** |
| Civilized Behaviour (Ralph) vs. Savage Behaviour (Jack) | 1.  2.  3. |  |
| Anarchy vs. Democracy |  |  |
| Innocence vs. Experience |  |  |
| Strength vs. Weakness (physical and psychological) |  |  |
| Humans vs. Nature |  |  |