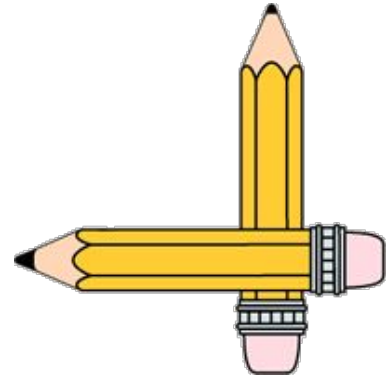


# Theme versus Central Idea



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**central idea: the who/what of a passage; the most important thing the author wants the reader to know?**

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**Answer:** A penny that was mistakenly double-stamped has more value than a regular penny.

# Opinion

**opinion:** a belief or view based on personal knowledge

Let's explore some reasons why dogs may be better than cats. Even cat lovers probably don't love their litter boxes. No matter how well you keep up with them, there's always a lingering smell. The litter often tracks all over the house. It's almost impossible to find a good place to put the litter box in a small house. Scooping the stuff is stinky and dusty. Dogs don't need litter boxes. They can be housetrained and most can stick to a schedule. They can use the yard or do their business during walks. You only have to pick up the poop, not the urine the way you have to do with litter boxes. And as for the poop, you can simply use poop bags on walks and a poop-scoop in the yard. Cleaning up poop may not be fun, but many think it's the lesser of two necessary evils. Best of all, it happens outdoors, not inside your home.

What opinion is expressed in this paragraph?



## objective summary



**objective summary:** unbiased (not forming an opinion) ideas & important details from a passage; the facts

~~Let's explore some reasons why dogs may be better than cats.~~ Cats and dogs potty train differently. ~~Even cat lovers probably don't love their litter boxes.~~ Cat owners train their animals to use a litter box. ~~No matter how well you keep up with them, there's always a lingering smell.~~ Poop should be scooped out of the litter box on a daily basis, and the litter in the box should be replaced weekly. ~~The litter often tracks all over the house. It's almost impossible to find a good place to put the litter box in a small house. Scooping the stuff is stinky and dusty.~~ Dogs don't need litter boxes. They can be housetrained and ~~most can't stick~~ to keep a schedule. They can use the yard or do their business during walks. You only have to pick up the poop, not the urine the way you have to do with litter boxes. And as for the poop, you can simply use poop bags on walks and a poop-scoop in the yard. ~~Cleaning up poop may not be fun, but many think it's the lesser of two necessary evils. Best of all,~~ Scooping poop happens outdoors, not inside your home.

## **inference**

**inference:** drawing a conclusion based on evidence & reasoning

Susan and her sister were packing for their family's upcoming vacation. Susan reminded her sister, Betty, to pack her flip flops, swim suit, and beach towel. Then, Susan remembered that she needed to grab her favorite pink shorts that were in the dryer. Both sisters also packed the matching tank tops they received for Christmas from their grandparents. They had saved them just for this trip. Their parents told them that they could only take what could fit in their carry-on suitcase, so they had to pick their outfits carefully.

Based on this paragraph, what inferences can you make based on the information given? For example, where are they going? What will they do when they arrive? How are they getting there?

## direct quote

**direct quote:** word for word restatement of another's work

What quote/textual evidence supports this statement:

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## theme

**theme:** the lesson or moral the author wants the reader to take away from the story.

We studied theme while reading The Giver and A Christmas Carol earlier this year.

Write down one theme that you learned from The Giver.

Write down one theme that you learned from A Christmas Carol.

We also read articles for the Myth essay. What is the biggest difference between the novels and the articles? What kind of information does each provide to the reader?