

# Writing Theme Statements

## Step one:

You must first decide on the topic of the literary work. Choose an abstract concept like *unrequited love, freedom, abuse, jealousy, self-pity, or fear of the dark* that the work explores. Then, finish this sentence:

The \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(genre) (title) (author)

is about \_\_\_\_\_  
(topic/abstract concept)

## Step two:

Now, you need to state what the literary work expresses about the topic. If a poem is about *jealousy*, what opinion does it express about the effect of jealousy on humanity? Finish by inserting a clause to complete the following statement:

The \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(genre) (title) (author)

is about \_\_\_\_\_ and reveals that \_\_\_\_\_  
(topic/abstract concept)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(assertion about the human condition)