

READING GRADE 8

B. Short Answer (SA) 2 points

Mean: 0.59

Standard: I.C.2

Strand: Reading and Listening for Comprehension
Content Standard: Students will apply strategies and skills to comprehend information that is read, heard, and viewed.
Benchmark: Apply critical thinking skills to analyze information
2. Analyze the inferences and conclusions from fictional contexts, events, characters, settings, and themes.

List one possible theme of this story. Use a detail from the story to explain the theme.

C. Rubric and Student Responses

Score	Description
2	<p>The student identifies one possible theme of this story and uses a detail from the story to explain the theme. The response should include the following:</p> <p>Yes, there is a theme in this story. The theme is that younger generations may often value and pursue the goals of their parents and that these goals are not achieved without commitment and dedication. This is shown by the way that the narrator reflects back on what she knows about her mother, and her respectful attitude towards her grandmother.</p>
1	<p>The student identifies one possible theme of this story, but does not use a detail from the story to explain the theme.</p>
0	<p>The student does not identify one possible theme of this story, and does not use a detail from the story to explain the theme OR the response is incorrect or irrelevant.</p>

SCORE 2

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One possible theme of this story may be that people should be proud of what they have done, and do their best at it because others do not always get the same opportunities. An example of this is when the narrator states, "Today, when I walked across the stage to accept my college diploma, I would achieve the goal my mother had always dreamed about." The narrator explains in that passage that her mother did not get to have the same opportunity she did, or achieve her goal to be proud.

One possible theme of this story could be that if you work hard enough you can achieve a lot of things. First of all the narrator's mother had worked hard to come to United States and persuaded Nona to come. The narrator also worked extra hard to earn her college diploma because she wanted to achieve what her mother could not.

The theme of this story could have been that even though a person has to overcome many difficulties, they can still be successful. This is proven with the narrator because she had overcome the difficulties associated with coming to a new country and ^{she} passed college.

SCORE 1

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One of the possible themes of this story could be how valuable a good education is. I think this because the story says that her mother always wanted to graduate from high school.

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One possible theme of the story is that a girl is struggling through life, and finally makes an accomplishment.

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I think the theme is that if you try your hardest for a goal you can accomplish it.

SCORE 0

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One possible theme of this story might be, be grateful of what you have

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One possible theme of the story was that she was graduating and leaving her house but she was a little sad because she was leaving her mother.

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I think the Theme is a room belonging to a teenager who is leaving highschool and reflecting on the past 12 years.