

Life Lessons

For each excerpt, choose the most appropriate theme. Write the letter on the line.

THEMES:

- A. Critical-thinking and problem-solving skills are necessary for survival.
- B. Land ownership provides a feeling of independence.
- C. Sometimes we must get involved and take a stand in order to protect others—even when we ourselves are not directly affected.
- D. We should celebrate our differences and encourage individuality.
- E. All people have the same basic needs and feelings—even if their social or economic situation differs.

EXCERPTS:

___ 1. “ ‘You are your most valuable asset. Don’t forget that. *You* are the best thing you have.’ ”
Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen (Chapter 5)

___ 2. “ ‘There’s got to be times that what one person does is everybody’s business.’ ”
Shiloh, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Chapter 15)

___ 3. “ ‘Look out there, Cassie girl. All that belongs to you. You ain’t never had to live on nobody’s place and long as I live and the family survives, you’ll never have to. That’s important.’ ”
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, by Mildred D. Taylor (Chapter 1)

___ 4. “ ‘It seemed funny to me that the sunset she saw from her parts and the one I saw from the back steps was the same one. Maybe the two worlds we lived in weren’t so different.’ ”
The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton (Chapter 3)

___ 5. “ ‘The Giver shrugged. ‘Our people made that choice....We relinquished color when we relinquished sunshine and did away with differences.’
‘We shouldn’t have!’ Jonas said fiercely.’ ”
The Giver, by Lois Lowry (Chapter 12)