

## Core Skills Analysis

### Reading and Literature

- Will practiced identifying and analyzing themes within a short story, enhancing his ability to interpret underlying messages.
- He developed skills in recognizing relevant concepts that contribute to a story's meaning and overall impact.
- Engaging with the reading interventionist provided targeted support to strengthen his comprehension and critical thinking.
- This analysis likely improved his ability to connect literary elements with real-world ideas or personal experiences.

### Tips

Encourage Will to explore multiple themes within different genres of stories to broaden his understanding of literary diversity. Have him summarize themes in his own words or relate them to current events or personal experiences to deepen engagement. Introducing creative projects, such as rewriting a story's ending or composing an original story illustrating a specific theme, can make abstract concepts more tangible. Additionally, group discussions or debates about themes encourage verbal articulation and perspective-taking.

### Book Recommendations

- [Because of Winn-Dixie](#) by Kate DiCamillo: A touching story exploring themes of friendship, empathy, and acceptance, perfect for helping readers identify and relate to relevant themes.
- [Charlotte's Web](#) by E.B. White: A classic tale highlighting themes of friendship, loyalty, and life cycles, offering rich material for thematic analysis.
- [The Tale of Despereaux](#) by Kate DiCamillo: This story provides complex themes like courage, forgiveness, and light versus darkness, fostering deeper thematic exploration.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through details.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.3: Describe how a story's plot unfolds and how characters respond to challenges.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

### Try This Next

- Worksheet for identifying theme-related evidence and supporting quotes from a short story
- Writing prompt: Rewrite the story's conclusion focusing on a different theme or moral

### Growth Beyond Academics

This activity suggests growing confidence in Will's analytical abilities and a developing curiosity about stories beyond surface details. Working closely with an interventionist may also support his persistence and motivation, showing a willingness to accept guidance and improve skills.