

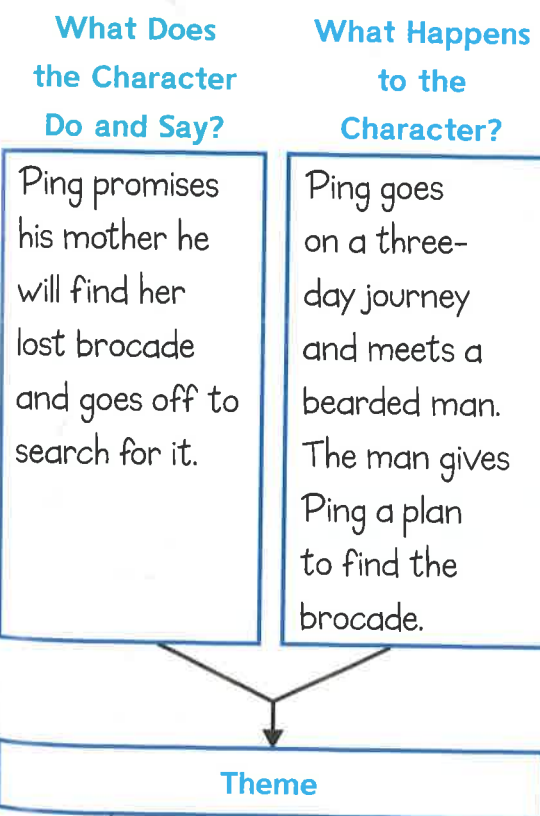
Theme

The theme of a story is the big idea or message about life that the author wants to share. Usually, the theme is not stated directly. To identify the theme, think about what characters do and say and what happens to the characters.



Find Text Evidence

When I read the end of the first paragraph of "The Magical Lost Brocade" on page 137, Ping makes a promise to his mother and sets off to keep it. I can use what Ping says and does to find the theme of the story.



COLLABORATE



Your Turn

Reread "The Magical Lost Brocade." Complete the graphic organizer by recording what Ping does and says and what happens to him. Then state the story's theme.

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