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Theme Assignment #1 Mr. Francis

Prompt#2: I believe that being surrounded by the natural world forces people to interact that otherwise would have never even talk. The theme is the dangers of isolation. Oliver is a loner who went on a river rafting trip with his extended family, but he gets lost in the surrounding forest with two of his cousins that he dislikes socializing with.

Prompt#3: I believe that humans learn the best while under stress. The theme of the story is the power of the fear of failure. Nicholas is a lazy worker at an electronics store where he is forced to learn to be a good worker when the store makes the decision to fire anyone that makes less than $1,000 in commission.

Prompt#5:I believe that a part of growing up during adolescence is learning how to socialize with large groups of people. The theme of the story is the importance of social skills. Roger went to a small town middle school, never having more than the same two friends, but one day, his cousins drag him to a party in the city.

Prompt#7:I believe that there is such a thing as being too friendly. The theme of the story is trust, or rather too much of it. Wesley is a person who befriends the child that moved in next door, but that child commits crimes using Wesley's identity, leaving Wesley's life in chaos.

Prompt#10:I believe that when travelling, it is better to play it safe. The theme of the story it is better to be safe than sorry. Leo, on impulse, decides to go gambling in Las Vegas with nothing more than two days worth of clothes, his wallet, and his car, but encounters trouble when he gambles away too much of his money and falls ill.

Prompt#11: I believe that if someone does not feel comfortable in his or her own home, then that place cannot be considered home. The theme of the story is that home is wherever friendly people are. Parzival is glad to have finished his four years of college, but finds himself glum and out of place in his hometown that has changed without him.