***Little Women* – Themes to Watch For**

**Instructions:**

### Before reading the novel, think about the big ideas (themes) that might appear in the story. Read the glossary first, then fill in the chart with your predictions. At the end of the novel, we’ll revisit this to see what we learned.

### **Theme Glossary (Easy Meanings)**

* **Family** → The love, care, and support between parents, sisters, and relatives.
* **Ambition** → Dreams, goals, and things a person wants to achieve in life.
* **Traditions** → Customs, rules, or ways of life that families and societies follow.
* **War** → A time of fighting between groups or countries that affects families and communities.
* **Kindness** → Being caring, helpful, and thoughtful to others.
* **Loyalty** → Staying faithful, supportive, and true to the people you love.
* **Choices** → The decisions people make and how those decisions change their lives.

## Theme Prediction Chart

| **Theme** | **What I Think It Means in the Story** |
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| **Family** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Ambition** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Traditions** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **War** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Kindness** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Loyalty** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Choices** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

## Reflection Writing

**Question:** Which theme do you think will be most important for you, and why?

**My Answer:**

✨ Optional Extension: Girls can color-code the themes (e.g., Family = pink, War = gray, Choices = green) and later highlight places in the novel where these themes appear.