**Theme Statements on:** *The Bass, the River, and Sheila Mant*

Theme: Attitude + Conflict = Consequence

Theme Structure : Initially + However = Consequently

| Write a complete theme statement:  In *Romeo and Juliet*, the playwright conveys the idea that individuals who experience true love are bound by an emotion that knows no end, **even when** criticized and restricted by others to exercise restraint, nothing limits the lengths a pair of lovers is willing to go for love, even to their death.  In the short story *Borders,* Thomas King conveys the idea that an individual that is persistent in upholding their cultural identity, **despite** the coercion to fit them into societal norms, will gain societal recognition and inspire others to affirm their identity. |
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