

Theme Development—*The Book Thief*

Directions: After reading and annotating your selection, use the chart created below to assist you in developing a theme as well as providing textual evidence to support that theme. Remember that a theme is a universal statement that can be applied to the work we are reading as well as other selections.

| Single Word or Phrase Subject List one subject from the selection in each box. Think about the meaning of these words in the context of the selection and the abstract ideas that are connected to them. | Textual Evidence Provide evidence from the text to support the subjects you have list in the previous column. Be sure to document the page number with parenthetical notation. | Theme Statement Compose a theme statement in a complete sentence that uses the single word from the first column. Make sure this is a generalized statement that can be applied to this selection as well as any other selection. |
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| Power of Words | | |
| Need for Knowledge | | |
| Kindness | | |
| Cruelty | | |
| Duality of People | | |
| Responsibility | | |

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| Consequences of Actions | | |
| Coming of Age | | |
| Understanding | | |