**Theme Paragraphs Notes**

**Give textual evidence to support the theme**

* Direct quotes
* Paraphrases

**Explain how the text supports the theme**

* Plot
* Character choices
* Figurative language & literary devices

**First Sentence**

* Include:
  + Text
  + Author
  + Theme statement

**Body of your paragraph**

* Include transition word (For example, for instance, etc.)
* Specific
* Paraphrase or quote
* Supports theme statement

**Analysis of example**

* What is the author’s purpose?
* How quote/detail supports theme

**REPEAT**

**Concluding sentence**

* Don’t repeat your topic sentence
* Reflect theme AND additional insight
* Think about:
  + Why does this matter?
  + SO, WHAT?