

Themes Revisited

Chapter 9 (p 113-115)

**Think it
out**

Now that you have finished the novel, what messages do you believe the author wants you to understand?

Directions: Write a thematic statement for each of the examples given below.

1. “After my father’s death, nothing could touch me anymore.” “But for the moment I was happy; I was near my father.” “Were there still miracles on this earth? He was alive. He had escaped the second selection.”

Theme:

2. “I was a body. Perhaps less than that even: a starved stomach.” “And I had but one desire — to eat.” “A piece fell into our wagon. I decided that I would not move. Anyway, I knew that I would never have the strength to fight with a dozen savage men!”

Theme:

3. “Meir, Meir, my boy! Don’t you recognize me? I’m your father...you’re hurting me...you’re killing your father! I’ve got some bread...for you too...for you too....” “His son had seen him losing ground, limping, staggering back to the rear of the column...He had continued to run on in front, letting the distance between them grow greater.” “My God, Lord of the Universe, give me strength never to do what Rabbi Eliahou’s son has done.”

Theme:

**Write
about it**



Directions: Choose one of the thematic statements and analyze how the author develops this theme throughout the novel.

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