

Stop the Sun (page 48)**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder****Theme**

A **theme** is a message about life or human nature that a literary work communicates. Often a story's theme is not directly stated but must be inferred from details, characters, and events. Key phrases, repeated words or ideas, and lessons learned by the main character can give clues to theme. Use the chart below to help you gather information about the theme of "Stop the Sun." An example is provided.

Key Statements or Phrases	Repeated Ideas	What the Main Character Learns
<i>"He wanted to walk away, but something made his feet move forward." (page 51)</i>		

Follow Up: Write a theme statement based on the clues you have gathered in your chart. Remember to state the theme as a broad generalization about human nature.