

THUNDERCLUCK!

CHICKEN OF THOR

Name _____

Date _____

Class Activity: Story and Theme! (Page 1)

(Please note: this handout is for students who have read the 1st Thundercluck book.)

In a book, a **theme** is a meaningful topic that plays an important role in the story. Beyond just knowing the events of the plot, readers can identify themes by asking, “*What is the story **really** about?*” and “*What is the story **trying to say?***”

An author often has an intended theme, but that might not be the *only* theme—stories can be open to interpretation, so a book can mean different things to different readers!

With that in mind, consider the following questions about the 1st Thundercluck book, *THUNDERCLUCK! CHICKEN OF THOR*

The author says an important theme to him is **honesty about emotions**, and this book’s core emotion is **fear**. Can you remember a moment in the story that relates to fear?

Can you remember something that helped Thundercluck work through his fear?

What does the overall story say to you about fear and working through it?

Can you think of another important topic in this book? (Ideas could include friendship, wanting to belong, or anything else that struck you as important!) What does the book say to you about that as a theme?

THUNDERCLUCK!

CHICKEN OF THOR

Name _____

Date _____

Class Activity: Story and Theme! (Page 2)

(Please note: this handout is for students who have read the 2nd Thundercluck book.)

In a book, a **theme** is a meaningful topic that plays an important role in the story. Beyond just knowing the events of the plot, readers can identify themes by asking, “*What is the story **really** about?*” and “*What is the story **trying to say?***”

An author often has an intended theme, but that might not be the *only* theme—stories can be open to interpretation, so a book can mean different things to different readers!

With that in mind, consider the following questions about the 1st Thundercluck book, *THUNDERCLUCK! CHICKEN OF THOR: RECIPE FOR REVENGE*

The author says an important theme to him is **honesty about emotions**, and this book’s core emotion is **anger**. Can you remember a moment in the story that relates to anger?

Can you remember something that helped Thundercluck resolve the anger he felt?

What does the overall story say to you about anger and conflict resolution?

Can you think of another important topic in this book? (Ideas could include friendship, wanting to belong, or anything else that struck you as important!) What does the book say to you about that as a theme?
