

APPENDIX 6.2 Common Central Ideas in Middle School Literature

Here is a list of central ideas, or themes, that are common to literature written for middle school students.

Adventure	Friendship	Patriotism
Beauty	Growing up	Power
Bravery	Greed	Religion
Bullying	Guilt	Society
Childhood	Health	Social class
Citizenship	Heroism	Social cliques
Compassion	Honesty	Survival
Confidence	Hope	Trust
Courage	Justice	Violence
Ethnicity	Love	War
Evil	Morality	Wisdom
Family relationships	Nature	
Freedom	Overcoming challenges	