

Summarize

To summarize a story, you need to tell about the most important parts.

S **SOMEBODY**
Who is the main character?

W **WANTED**
What did the main character want?

B **BUT**
What was the problem?

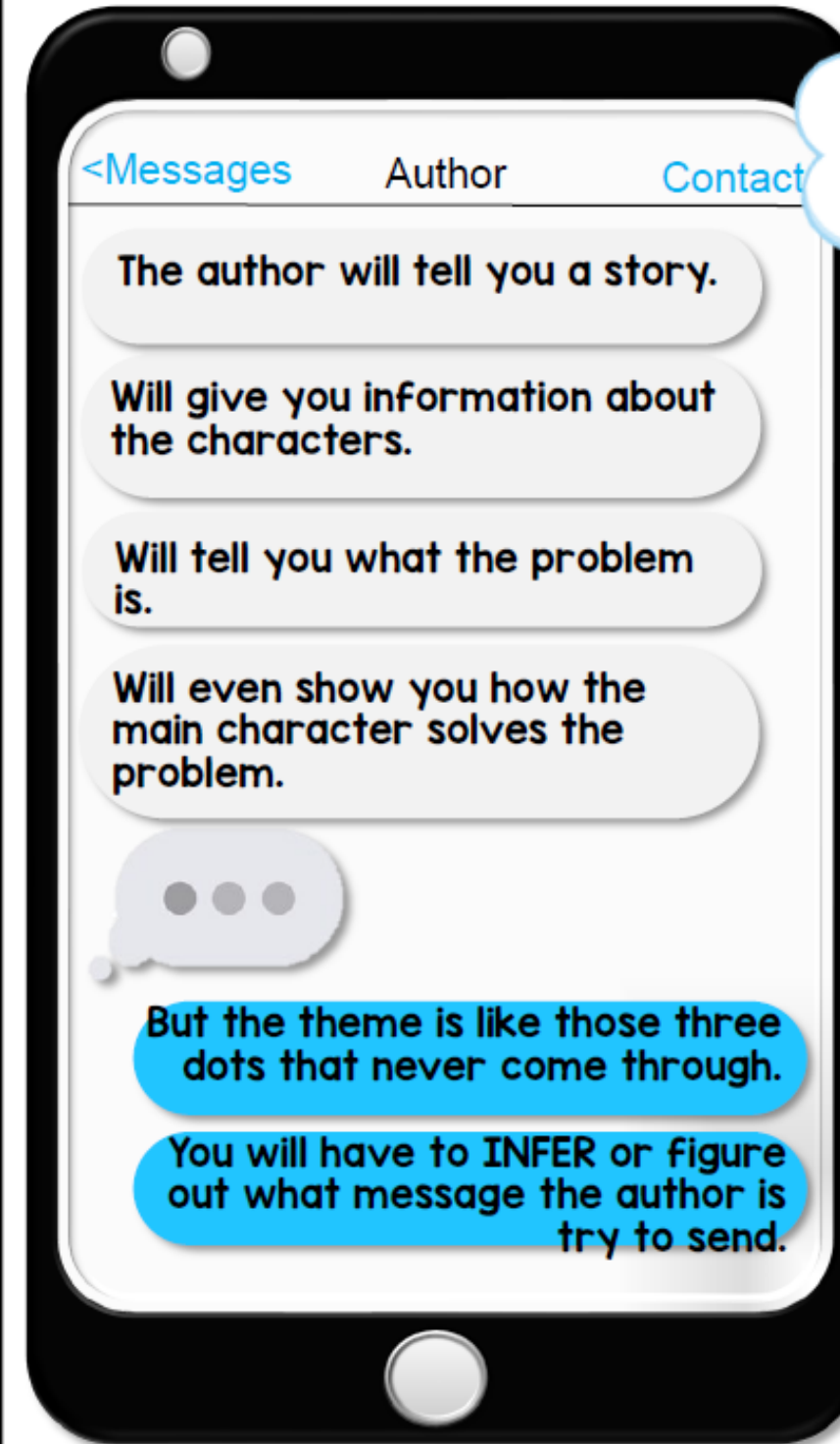
S **SO**
How did the main character solve the problem?

T **THEN**
What was the resolution to the story?

Should be clear and concise.



Theme



You have to infer the **THEME** by figuring out what message the author is trying to send you!

*Lesson or truth about life *Usually implied, not stated*

*Debatable opinion *Can often be applied to other stories*

Universal: Applies to most people around the world

Universal Themes

***Universal means that these lessons are valued all around the world!**

Some common themes found in stories around the world are:

**Always be kind.
(Kindness)**

Be true to who you are. (Courage)

Honesty is the best policy. (Honesty)

Hard work pays off. (Hard work)

We can learn from our mistakes. (Achievement)

Accept others for who they are. (Acceptance)

**Never give up!
(Perseverance)**

