Oedipus Project

A thematic topic is something like “faith”, “imperialism”, and “the importance of individuality.” However, none of these things are actual THEMES. A THEME is what the author or text is saying ABOUT those topics. For example, in *Anthem*:

* Thematic topic: importance of individuality
* Theme: Individuality, something to be worshipped, is so important that, without it, society would collapse into a primitive, fear-filled world.

The author also uses literary devices, such as characterization, irony, imagery, tone, etc, to support that theme.

* For example: In *Anthem,* Rand uses short, simple syntax and diction to reflect the restrictions placed on the people’s thoughts and expression.
	+ When she writes “it is a sin to write this,” Ayn rand uses short, simple words, none of them longer than even five letters, to reflect his thought process. Equality is so repressed that he cannot think in long, expressive words or sentences.

For this project, you will choose one of the following thematic topics and develop it into a theme. Then, you will choose a literary device that you believe supports that theme and find 5 examples of it. The final product will be a collage of at least 5 pictures, 5 quotes and explanations, and your theme.

Step 1: Choose a thematic topic *(here are a few that I think are particularly useful, but if you can make an argument for another one, just run it by me first)*

* Fate vs. Free will
* Knowledge vs. Ignorance
* The effect of Power
* Dangers of delving into the pas

Step 2: Develop it into a theme

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Step 3: Choose a literary device *(here are a few that I think are particularly useful, but if you can make an argument for another one, just run it by me first)*

* Dramatic irony
* Symbolism and motifs
	+ Blindness vs. Sight
	+ Sickness vs. Health
* Characterization
	+ Oedipus
	+ Jocasta
	+ Creon
	+ Teiresias

Step 4: Find 5 examples of your literary device in *Oedipus Rex* and explain how they support your theme.

Step 5: Put together your collage. It must include:

* Your theme
* Your 5 quotes and explanations
* 5 pictures that support and relate to your theme

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