

Cultural Connections Expert Role Card

Levels 4-5

Book Title:

Student:

Date:

YOUR TASKS:

- Explore the theme of the story
- Compare the world of the book with your life
- Find motifs in the story
- Find connections between the story and other works

1 Look at the list of themes below. Which themes are present in the story?

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| • Crime | • Environment |
| • Everyday life | • Family |
| • Food | • Free time |
| • Friendship | • Good and evil |
| • Nature | • Peace and war |
| • Relationships | • School |
| • Society | • Sports |

2 Explore how the theme of the story is present in your life.

First think about simple questions. For example, if the theme in the story is Friendship, you can start with these questions: Do you have a lot of friends? Is friendship important to you? What do you expect from your friends?

- **How are other themes relevant in your life?**

For example, you can think about the conflict between themes. Popular conflicts are between Love versus Family or Society versus Environment. Can you think of any other themes which are often connected to each other?

3 What motifs can you find in the story?

A motif is an element that is often repeated in a story. It can be a character, an event or a special detail.

For example, the *princess* and the *witch* often appear in fairy tales, and the action of *getting lost* is frequently present in adventure stories. The *tree* motif is present in several stories and it can represent nature, heritage or life.

4 Explore how the theme and motifs of the story are present in other works.

- **Can you think of any stories with similar themes and motifs?**
- **Are there any films, songs or pictures that the story makes you think of?**