



WALT DISNEY
Imagineering

Lesson 2 – The theme

LO: To understand what a 'theme' for a story is.

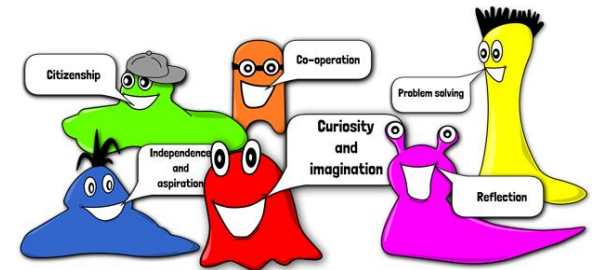
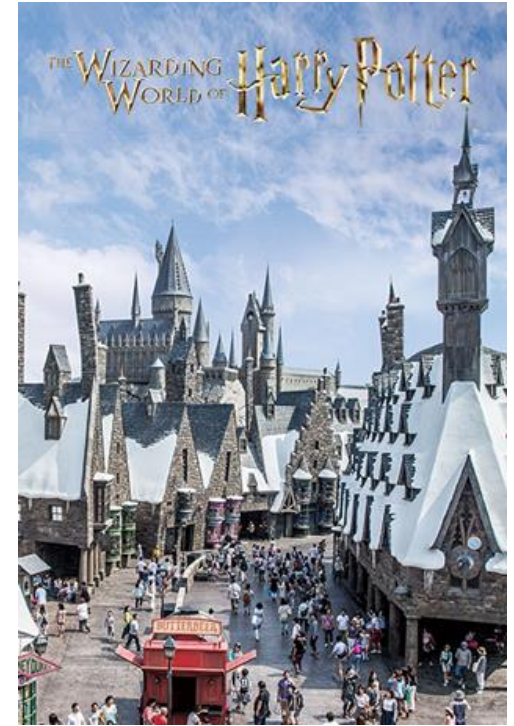
All stories have a ‘theme’

- Themes are important when telling a story, it gives stories a deeper meaning or a ‘lesson’.
- For example, The Tortoise and the Hare is a story about a race between the two animals. The Hare goes quickly and is confident it will win. Therefore, it takes a rest beneath a tree. Whilst resting and even though the tortoise is slower, it keeps going, and goes on to win the race in the end.
- The theme (or lesson) to this story is “slow and steady wins the race.” **or** if you keep persevering and show grit and determination, you can meet your goal.



How are themes important to your 'land'?

- <https://youtu.be/KiVwNsp4zXE>
- A theme will give your environmental story meaning.
- It is one of the elements that will make your land magical and give visitors a sense of awe and wonderment.
- If your land is based on a subject rather than a known story or movie, you can create a theme based around a SJS Learning Value, like independence or curiosity.

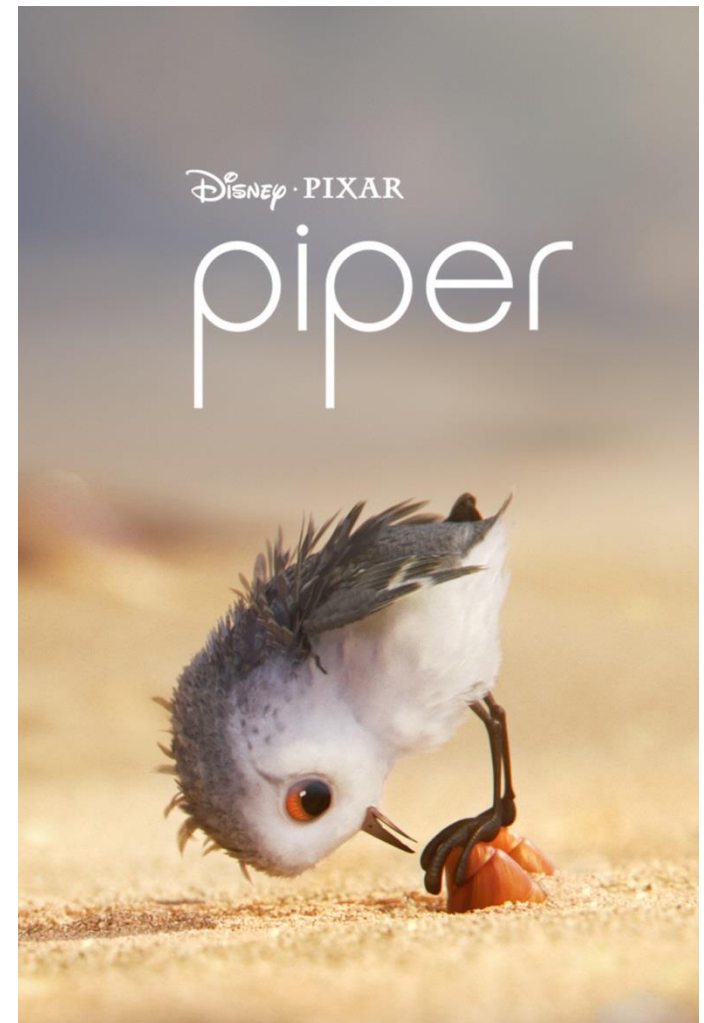


Task 1: What is the theme of the Disney short film 'Piper'?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTjHEyEAIsC>

Answer these questions on a piece of paper:

- What is the story *really* about?
- What 'lesson' is the story trying to teach?
- What emotions and feelings did it create whilst you watched it.



Task 2: Your land and it's theme

Complete the sheet you have been given. This is your chance to begin to showcase your main idea for your 'land'.

Remember to keep this safe! This forms part of your plan.



Things to consider while you complete you sheet:

- What do you imagine it feels like to be in your land?
- What do you imagine people might learn when visiting your land?
- What do you want them to think about after leaving your land?