**Theme #1: Analyzing Themes**

**Directions:**

Read and discuss the following possible themes for “The Prisoner Who Wore Glasses.” Eliminate the ones that CANNOT be themes and tell which “rule” it breaks. Choose your favorite and share with the group why you like it. Then, choose five that can be improved and discuss how they can be improved. Submit your favorite and improved themes on Schoology.

1. Never stop fighting for what is right.

2. Sometimes you have to put yourself in others situation, or at least try to see from their point of view.

3. A common theme that these two stories share is that even when change comes, you must stay true to your beliefs.

4. Most people want themselves to succeed, but only a few people realize that you have to help others to help yourself.

5. A common theme is to stick to what you believe is the right thing to do.

6. You should consider appreciating the society around you ideas so that they may be willing to cooperate instead of trying to sabotage your beliefs.

7. We shouldn’t put ourselves above others and their needs, instead you should humble yourself and change the world for the better.

8. With the collision of a power struggle and traditional African culture comes the estrangement and divide of a community and its leaders.

9. The way you treat other people justifies the way they treat you, weather that be good or bad is your choice.

10. You should take into consideration the opinions of others when making a decision that could affect them.

11. There is a raging war for power or superiority in African but if you stick to your beliefs, everything will workout according to plan.

12. Compromise and respect are crucial in effectively solving conflict.

13. Letting go of things from the past may allow you to make things better for the futrue.

14. I think that the common theme for both stories Is a mixture of leadership, bravery, darkness, courage and honor, patriotism and determination.

15. Think of your actions before you treat someone a certain way.

16. You should become friends with people in your community, even your enemies. They might be able to help you later on or if you treat them badly it might come back and bite you in the butt.

17. Respecting people and their beliefs is necessary for a peaceful society.

18. Compromise and respect are more effective methods of problem solving than violence.