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The Lightning Thief

By Rick Riordan

1. What is the theme of the novel? _____

2. How is the theme established in the beginning of the novel?

3. Give an example of how the theme is developed in the middle of the novel.

4. How is the theme evident at the end of the novel? _____

5. Write a brief, objective summary of the story.

ANSWERS

1. Identity and discovering identity
2. Percy doesn't know who his father is or that he has any special powers. He thinks that he is a "bad kid".
3. What he thought were his weaknesses (dyslexia, ADD, a tendency to get into trouble) turn out to be the markers of a demigod. He makes hard choices, like deciding to leave the camp and go back to NY. With every choice he learns more about himself.
4. He decides to go live with his mother, and face the big choice that has been foretold for him.
5. Summaries will vary.