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## English II Summer Reading Assignment

Theme is the overall meaning of a literary work. Some common literary themes are “good versus evil,” “perseverance,” “death and loss,” “faith,” and “generosity.”

As you read the three assigned short stories, consider a prominent theme and how the author develops the theme in the story. Then, write a **three- to four-sentence explanation for each**. Include textual evidence as support.

“Rip Van Winkle”

“Self-Reliance”

“The Snows of Kilimanjaro”