

What's the Big Idea?

When you read a book or a play, part of the reason why it means something to you is because of its theme—the big idea or overall message you take away from it. In this activity, you will choose a theme from "Horton Hears a Who" and explain why it's meaningful to you.

Directions: Follow the directions in the boxes below.

Step 1: What are some of the big ideas in the play?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Step 2: Pick one of the big ideas from your list above and write it below.

The most important theme, or big idea, of "Horton Hears a Who" is _____
_____.

Step 3: Describe some parts in the play that illustrate this big idea.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Write Now!

On a separate piece of paper, write a well-organized paragraph explaining how the main theme you picked above relates to your own life. Remember to use supporting details to back up your statements.