Searching for Theme

Directions: The theme of a story is the big, important idea you take away from reading it. Answer each of the questions in the chart below about “The Search for Pirate Gold.” Then respond to the question that follows.

1. Why did Barry Clifford decide to hunt for the Whydah treasure?

2. What obstacles did Barry have to overcome before beginning his search?

3. How did Barry find out where the Whydah had sunk? How long did this process take?

4. What did Barry and his crew find during the first few months of their search?

5. What three big problems did Barry face in September 1983? How did he respond?

6. What do all these details tell you about Barry Clifford?

Write Now! Use your answers above to help you respond to the writing prompt at the bottom of page 9.

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