



THEME GUIDE

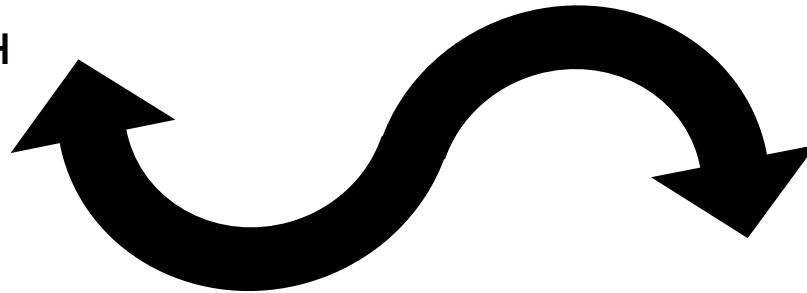
Triumph

noun a great victory; to win or gain success
verb to be successful or achieve victory; prevail

Tragedy

noun a disastrous event; causing much suffering. Destruction or having an unhappy ending

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What defines a triumph? What defines a tragedy? Who decides whether an event was triumphant or tragic? When considering your topic, be sure to study as many points of view as possible. History can be uneven, some events are tragic for everyone while others create a divide in opinion.

Thinking Through a Topic:

- ⇒ *What stands out to you as a major victory or failure?* Think about what made that event successful or unsuccessful?
- ⇒ *Who was involved?* Reflect on the individuals or groups that not only made the decisions, but also those who were impacted.
- ⇒ *Does everyone agree?* Examine what made this event a success; you may discover that not everyone views the outcome in the same way.
- ⇒ *Was there a turning point?* Explore to see if the event triumphed through tragedy, if a fall from victory caused the tragedy, or if there was potential for triumph along the way

As you ask yourself these questions, record your answers. Brainstorming is a great way to test your topic to see if it is the right fit. Your topic does not have to focus on both triumph *and* tragedy, only one “T” may be more connected to your topic. However, you should highlight both at some point in your project.

Good luck!

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