English 10 • Unit 4: Message & Meaning • Literary Analysis Workshop

Instructions – Part 1

**T A K E N O T E S** on **P a r t 1: Universal Themes in Literature** by outlining the important ideas on page 386. Afterwards, personalize your notes by highlighting key words or adding your own details.

I. Theme

A. Theme is ________________________________________________________________

B. Universal themes

1. Universal themes deal with emotions and experiences that are ________________________________

2. Examples of universal themes include ___________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

II. Symbol

A. A symbol is ____________________________________________________________

B. Examples of symbols and what they represent include:

1. __________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________

4. __________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________
Instructions – Part 2

To take notes on Part 2: Clues to Theme, fill in key information for the graphic below. In the left-hand column, finish listing the main clues to a story’s theme. In the right-hand column, write some questions related to each clue that are most helpful to you. It is acceptable to **paraphrase** the questions given in your book on page 388 for this.

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Instructions – Part 3

Read the story “Cranes” (pages 389-393). Use the numbered questions in the margins to help you analyze the text. Please write your answers on a separate sheet of paper or in your journals.