Write a thoughtful paragraph about one of the themes identified below. Explain why it interests you or concerns you or baffles you or angers you or excites you. Discuss a specific experience in your life that relates to the theme.

THEME SHEET

Ideas in Literature

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WORKING THROUGH MEMORIES dealing with the past	**SORTING IDENTITIES** changing names, setting off on a journey or a quest, growing up, going through a rite of passage	**UNDERSTANDING REALITY THROUGH IMAGINATION** discovering the links between our lives and fantasy and myth
SHARING STRENGTH THROUGH LOVE learning to trust and be trusted; accepting and understanding and respecting each other; experiencing symbiosis	**BREAKING AWAY/MAKING CONNECTIONS** understanding relations between generations	**RESISTING THE CONTROL OR POWER OR VIOLENCE OF OTHERS** preserving individuality, asserting one's right to exist
HANGING ON TO DREAMS/KNOWING WHEN TO LET THEM GO thinking about what we have and what we want	**MAKING CHOICES** accepting responsibility and consequences	**TELLING STORIES** discovering our own stories, understanding why we tell them, deciding how to tell them