

Theme In Songs

[Watch Kenny Chesney "There Goes My Life"](#)

What are the three main events that happen in the music video?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the theme of this song?

What specific lyric is the best evidence to support that theme?

Compare & Contrast

You will be using two songs to brainstorm for a sample prompt.

Prompt: Use the songs [Taylor Swift "Mean"](#) and [Katy Perry "Roar"](#) to compare or contrast how the tone of each song impacts the theme.

What is the tone of the song?	
Mean:	Roar:
What is the theme of the song?	
Mean:	Roar:
How does the tone impact the theme?	
Mean:	Roar:

What lyric helps prove the impact of the tone on theme?	
Mean:	Roar:

There Goes My Life Lyrics

All he could think about was I'm too young for this
 Got my whole life ahead
 Hell I'm just a kid myself
 How'm I gonna raise one

All he could see were his dreams going up in smoke
 So much for ditching this town and hanging out on the coast
 Oh well, those plans are long gone

And he said
 There goes my life
 There goes my future, my everything
 Might as well kiss it all good-bye
 There goes my life

A couple years of up all night and a few thousand diapers later
 That mistake he thought he made covers up the refrigerator
 Oh yeah, he loves that little girl.

Momma's waiting to tuck her in
 As she stumbles up those stairs
 She smiles back at him dragging that teddy bear
 Sleep tight, blue eyes and bouncing curls

He smiles
 There goes my life
 There goes my future my everything
 I love you, daddy goodnight
 There goes my life

She had that Honda loaded down
With Abercrombie clothes and 15 pairs of shoes and his American express
He checked the oil and slammed the hood, said your good to go
She hugged the both and headed off to the west coast

He cried
There goes my life
There goes my future, my everything
I love you
Baby good-bye
There goes my life
There goes my life
Baby good-bye

Mean Lyrics

You, with your words like knives
And swords and weapons that you use against me
You have knocked me off my feet again
Got me feeling like I'm nothing
You, with your voice like nails on a chalkboard
Calling me out when I'm wounded
You picking on the weaker man

Well you can take me down with just one single blow
but you don't know, what you don't know...

Someday I'll be living in a big ol' city
And all you're ever going to be is mean
Someday I'll be big enough so you can't hit me
And all you're ever going to be is mean
Why you gotta be so mean?

You, with your switching sides
And your wildfire lies and your humiliation
You have pointed out my flaws again
As if I don't already see them
I walk with my head down
Trying to block you out 'cause I'll never impress you
I just wanna feel okay again

I bet you got pushed around
Somebody made you cold
But the cycle ends right now
Cause you can't lead me down that road
And you don't know, what you don't know...

Someday I'll be living in a big ol' city
And all you're ever going to be is mean
Someday I'll be big enough so you can't hit me
And all you're ever going to be is mean
Why you gotta be so mean?

And I can see you years from now in a bar
Talking over a football game
With that same big loud opinion
But nobody's listening

Washed up and ranting about the same old bitter things
Drunk and grumbling on about how I can't sing
But all you are is mean

All you are is mean
And a liar, and pathetic, and alone in life
And mean, and mean, and mean, and mean
But someday I'll be living in a big ol' city
And all you're ever going to be is mean, yeah yeah
Someday I'll be big enough so you can't hit me
And all you're ever going to be is mean
Why you gotta be so mean?
Someday I'll be living in a big ol' city
And all you're ever going to be is mean, yeah yeah
Someday I'll be big enough so you can't hit me
And all you're ever going to be is mean
Why you gotta be so mean?

Roar Lyrics

I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath
Scared to rock the boat and make a mess
So I sat quietly, agreed politely
I guess that I forgot I had a choice
I let you push me past the breaking point
I stood for nothing, so I fell for everything

You held me down, but I got up (hey!)
Already brushing off the dust
You hear my voice, you hear that sound
Like thunder, gonna shake the ground
You held me down, but I got up
Get ready 'cause I had enough
I see it all, I see it now

I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter
Dancing through the fire
'Cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar
Louder, louder than a lion
'Cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar!

Now I'm floating like a butterfly
Stinging like a bee I earned my stripes
I went from zero, to my own hero

You held me down, but I got up (hey!)
Already brushing off the dust
You hear my voice, you hear that sound
Like thunder, gonna shake the ground
You held me down, but I got up
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You're gonna hear me roar!
Roar, roar, roar, roar, roar!
I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter
Dancing through the fire
'Cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar
Louder, louder than a lion
'Cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar!