



COMPARATIVE LITERATURE THEMES

Theme and Subject List

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Abandonment	Grief/Loss
Abuse	Growing Up/Coming of Age (Bildungsromans)
Acceptance and Belonging	Guilt
Adventure	Heroes
Africa	Historical Fiction
Aging	Holocaust
Alcoholism	Homosexuality
Alienation	Identity/Self Discovery
Allegory (Metaphorical Tale)	Immigration/Immigrants
Ambition	Individuality/Individualism
American Dream	Industrialism/Labour
Anti-hero	Irish
Apocalyptic	Islam
Arthurian Legend	Italy
Asia	Jewish
Australia	Justice
Beat Generation	Love
Betrayal	Loyalty
Biblical	Marriage
Black Experience	Mental Illness
Censorship	Mythology
Chivalry	Native
Courage	Obsession
Crime and Criminals	Orphans
Culture	Politics
Death	Quebec
Deception/Secrets	Quest
Divorce	Race Relations
Duty/Obligation	Reality vs. Illusion
Dystopia	Rebellion
Eastern Canada	Rural vs. Urban
Existentialism	Science Fiction
Exploitation	Sexual Assault
Faith	Sin and Redemption
Family	Social class
Fantasy	Sports
Fate and Free Will	Stream of consciousness
Feminism	Suicide
Forbidden love	Supernatural/Paranormal
Forgiveness	Survival (Emotional or physical)
Freedom	Technology
Friendship	Time Travel
Frontier	Totalitarianism
Futurism	Utopia
God/Religion	War
Good and Evil	Western Canada
Gothic Literature	Wilderness
Great Depression	