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Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

A **theme** is the main message about life or human nature from a work of literature. We have discussed possible themes for the novel in class having to do with judging others based solely on appearance. What is an appropriate theme from the novel Freak the Mighty? In a well-developed essay, explain how this theme is an appropriate one for the novel. Use this page to gather evidence and plan your answer.

In your essay, be sure to include:

* State the theme and explain how it is appropriate—put it into your own words (your claim)
* Multiple examples from the novel (text evidence) that show how the author implies the theme through characters, plot and conflict, and important statements
* Provide context for your text examples and explain how these support your claim (this will prove your claim)
* Text evidence to support your answer

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| **Introduction**  State the theme in your own words –  Why this theme is appropriate – |
| **Body paragraph 1**  Example one (relevant quote): |
| How quote supports theme: |
| **Body paragraph 2**  Example two (relevant quote): |
| How quote supports theme: |
| **Body paragraph 3**  Example three (relevant quote): |
| How quote supports theme: |
| **Conclusion**  Rephrase your main point –  Leave your reader something to think about (How can this theme be applied to your life?)– |

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5. Read this quote from the novel, and then answer the question that follows: “Grim tried to tell me it isn’t how long you’ve got that matters, it’s what you do with the time you have..." (158-159). What does Grim mean by this saying? Why did Max react the way he did to Grim saying this?

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1. **Contrasts and Contradictions**

“…I’m crying like a baby. And the really weird thing is, I’m happy.” (page 27)

Why is Max crying? What has made him happy? How does this show the start of a change in Max?

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1. **Aha Moment**

What major “Aha! Moment” occurs in Chapter 20? How does this moment change things from that point forward?

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1. **Tough Questions**

“Who knows what I might do and then not remember it?” (page 86)

Explain why Max asks this tough question. What is he afraid of?

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1. **Words of the Wiser**

“Grim tried to tell me it isn’t how long you’ve got that matters, it’s what you do with the time you have…” (page 158-159)

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1. **Again and Again**

“Except later it was Freak himself who taught me that remembering is a great invention of the mind, and if you try hard enough you can remember anything, whether it happened or not.” (page 2)

How is remembering an important idea throughout the novel? What does Freak “invent” with his mind and why is it important?

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1. **Memory Moment**

“…it’s like I’m Kicker again, ready to blast anybody who dares touch me…” (page 155)

Why does Max call himself Kicker again? What is he reacting to and why is he reacting that way?

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