

Theme Organizer — Completed Example

Original mini-story: "The Borrowed Bike" · Details lead to a theme statement; the theme is not a one-word topic.

DETAIL 1 Nina borrows her cousin's bike after promising to return it before dinner.	DETAIL 2 She takes a muddy shortcut to save time and bends the front fender.
DETAIL 3 Nina considers hiding the damage but turns around and tells her cousin what happened.	DETAIL 4 Her cousin is upset, but agrees to repair the bike with her after Nina offers to pay for the part.
PATTERN / WHAT THE DETAILS SUGGEST Nina's shortcut creates the problem, but accepting responsibility gives her a way to repair both the bike and the trust she risked.	
THEME STATEMENT Taking responsibility for a mistake can rebuild trust more effectively than trying to avoid the consequences.	
EVIDENCE CHECK — WHY THESE DETAILS SUPPORT THE THEME Strongest evidence: Nina chooses to admit the damage instead of hiding it, and her cousin agrees to work with her on the repair. The first detail shows the moment of responsibility; the second shows that honesty creates a path toward restored trust. Together they support the full theme statement rather than only the topic "honesty."	