**THEME STATEMENT PRACTICE** Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PART ONE: GROUP PRACTICE**

**Directions:** With the people at your table group, discuss the following attempts at a theme statement. Work together to write a universal statement that includes all three elements (thematic topics + author’s opinion + so what?).

1. The theme of TKAM is to show the prejudice and bias of the old world from a white child’s point of view while being parented by a loving and accepting father.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.
2. The theme of TKAM no matter how good of a person you are, your social class will always define you.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.
3. The theme of TKAM is innocence.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.

**PART TWO: INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE**

**Directions:** On your own, read over the following attempts at a theme statement. Work to write a universal statement that includes all three elements (thematic topics + author’s opinion + so what?).

1. The theme of TKAM is that relationships between friends, family and enemies are important.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.
2. The theme of TKAM is don’t judge a book by its cover.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.
3. The theme of TKAM is that there are outcasts in this world, and we should accept them.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.
4. The theme of TKAM is that racism is not good because it’s unequal treatment.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.
5. The theme of TKAM is to not judge someone due to their opinions and /or race.
   1. Why isn’t this a theme statement?
   2. What needs to change?
   3. Edit this statement and write your new, improved, and actual theme statement below.