THEME EXAMPLES

* Alienation – the effects of, the loneliness of, to cure it; creating emotional isolation
* Ambition – getting what you want, stunted by, thwarted
* Betrayal – the pain of, in love and friendship; fading bonds of love
* Coming of age  – loss of innocence; boy/girl becomes a man/woman
* Conformity -- industrialization and the conformity of man
* Courage – courage to deal with conflict, lack of, developing, conquering with
* Deception  – how to deceive, results of; appearance versus reality
* Discovery – what does it take to discover new places, inner meaning, strength, even treasure; conquering unknown, discovering strength
* Duty - the ethics of killing for duty
* Escape – from life, social constraints, routine, prison, family pressures
* Death – how to escape, what happens after, consequences of
* Family -- destruction of family
* Fear – driven by, dealing with, conquering
* Fortune -- a fall from grace and fortune
* Freedom – loss of, gaining, handling, fight for
* Generation gap -- experience versus youthful strength
* Good versus evil – survival of one despite the other, triumph of one over the other; the coexistence of good and evil on earth
* Heroism -- false heroism, heroism and conflicting values
* Home -- security of a homestead
* Hope -- hope rebounds
* Hopelessness -- finding hope after tragedy
* Individualism -- choosing between security and individualism
* Isolation – physical and emotional; the isolation of a soul
* Jealousy – trouble caused by, denial of, driven by
* Journey -- most journeys lead back to home
* Judgment - balance between justice and judgement
* Justice – the fight for, injustice, truth versus justice
* Loneliness – no man is an island
* Loss – of life, innocence, love, friends, to avoid
* Love – love fades, is blind, can overcome all obstacles
* Lust – for power, for material goods
* Patriotism -- inner conflicts stemming from patriotism
* Peace and war -- war is tragic, peace is fleeting
* Power – the search for, the loss of, what we are willing to exchange for
* Prejudice – racism, bigotry, snobbery, dealing with
* Race relations-- learned racism
* Security – the loss of, the finding of the need for, how we act when security is shattered
* Sense of self -- finding strength from within
* Spirituality and God – the inner struggle to find faith, live without faith, etc
* Suffering -- suffering as a natural part of human experience
* Survival – man versus nature