Universal Themes

Abandonment	Honor	Success
Acceptance	Hope	Survival
Accomplishment	Humility	Sympathy
Adventure	Humor	Systems
Anxiety	Identity	Tolerance
Appreciation	Imagination	Tradition
Appreciation of Nature	Individuality	Tragedy
Attitude	Influence	Transformation
Balance	Ingenuity	Uncertainty
Belonging	Initiation	Virtue
Brotherhood	Innocence	Wisdom
Cause and Effect	Innovation	
Challenge	Inspiration	
Change	Integrity	Adolescence – discovery, pain,
Choices	Interdependence	loneliness
Collaboration	Isolation	Alienation – destruction of soul
Coming of Age	Justice	Ambition – persistence or corruption
Commitment	Kindness	Appearances – deception and reality
Communication	Leadership	Beauty of diversity
Community	Loneliness	Beauty of simplicity
Culture	Loss	Capitalism – effect on the individual
Compassion	Love	Change of power - necessity
Compromise	Loyalty	Change versus tradition
Concern	Magnitude	Chaos and order
Conflict	Memory	Character – destruction, building up
Conflict	Nature	Circle of life
Resolution	New Experiences	Coming of age
Conformity	Opportunity	Communication – verbal and
Connections	Optimism	nonverbal
Consequences	Order vs. Chaos	Companionship as salvation
Consideration	Origins	Convention and rebellion
Cooperation	Parallelism	Dangers of ignorance
Courage	Patience	Darkness and light
Cycles	Patriotism	Death – inevitable or tragedy
Denial	Patterns	Desire to escape
Determination	Peace	Destruction of beauty
Devotion	Peer Pressure	Disillusionment and dreams
Differences	Perseverance	Displacement
Dignity	Perspectives	Empowerment
Discovery	Point of View	Emptiness of attaining false dream
Empathy	Possibilities	Everlasting love
Enthusiasm	Power	Evils of racism
Environment	Prejudice	Facing darkness
Escape	Pride	Facing reality
Excellence	Problem Solving	Fading beauty
Exploration	Reciprocity	Faith versus doubt
Facing Fear	Reflection	Family – blessing or curse
Fairness	Relationships	Fate and free will
Faith	Relativity	Fear of failure
Fame	Resourcefulness	Fulfillment
Family	Respect	Good versus evil
Fear	Responsibility	Greed as downfall
Forgiveness	Self Awareness	Growing up – pain or pleasure
Freedom	Self Discipline	Hazards of passing judgment
Friendship	Self Esteem	Heartbreak of betrayal
Generations	Self Respect	Heroism – real and perceived
Goals	Self Sacrifice	Hierarchy in nature
Gratitude	Sensitivity	Identity crisis
Heroism	Social Change	Illusion of power
Honesty	Structure	Immortality

Individual versus society	abuse of power
Inner versus outer strength	action vs apathy
Injustice	beating the odds
Isolation	beauty
Isolationism - hazards	coming of age
Knowledge versus ignorance	corruption
Loneliness as destructive force	courage
Losing hope	effects of the past
Loss of innocence	faith
Lost honor	fall from grace
Lost love	family
Love and sacrifice	fate
Manipulation	fear
Materialism as downfall	fear of failure
Motherhood	freedom
Names – power and significance	friendship
Nationalism – complications	greed
Nature as beauty	hate
Necessity of work	heritage
Oppression of women	heroes
Optimism – power or folly	honesty
Overcoming – fear, weakness, vice	innocence
Patriotism – positive side or	justice
complications	love
Power and corruption	loyalty
Power of silence	manipulation
Power of tradition	mothering
Power of wealth	nature
Power of words	need for change
Pride and downfall	obligation
Progress – real or illusion	parent-child
Quest for discovery	relationships
Quest for power	peace
Rebirth	peer pressure
Role of Religion – virtue or hypocrisy	perseverance
Self – inner and outer	Power of the mind vs authority
Self-awareness	prejudice
Self-preservation	price of progress
Self-reliance	pride
Social mobility	quest for knowledge
Technology in society – good or bad	religion
Temporary nature of physical beauty	revenge
Temptation and destruction	secrecy
Totalitarianism	security/safety
Vanity as downfall	seizing the moment
Vulnerability of the meek	survival
Vulnerability of the strong	the overlooked
War – glory, necessity, pain, tragedy	the road not taken
Will to survive	war
Wisdom of experience	winners and losers
Working class struggles	
Youth and beauty	