**Holes**

**LITERARY ELEMENTS WORKSHEET**

**Theme**

A **theme** is an insight about human life that an author develops in a work of fiction. In *Holes*, Stanley discovers how other people’s actions profoundly affect his own life.

*How do the actions of each of these characters affect Stanley? Trout Walker has been done for you.*

- **Kissin’ Kate Barlow**
- **Elya Yelnats**
- **Trout Walker**
- **Zero**

*If Trout had not led the lynching and rammed Sam’s boat, Sam would have lived. Kate would not have become an outlaw and robbed Stanley’s great-grandfather. The Yelnats would be living in a mansion in California. If Trout had not married Linda Miller, the Warden would never have been born, and there would be no Camp Green Lake.*