Writing to Think about a Message or a Theme

- I learned from (the character, the event) that in life it is important to . . .
- Even if . . . you should . . .
- This story teaches us not only about . . . but also about . . .
- When I first read this story I thought it was just about . . . but now that I think more deeply about it, I realize that it is really about . . .
- Something that's true in this story that's also true in the world is . . .

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