



Author Academy eCourse Video 4 Exercise 3

Your core message and themes emerge naturally with your story and this can be a phrase, a word or a question. You will instinctively know when you have found your core or at least when you are getting close.

Here are a few ideas to help you identify your core message:

- Identify one to four central or important themes in your story

- Look at your protagonist's goal, desire or main obstacle

- Sum up your story in one sentence (like we did in episode 1), keeping note of the first two points

- Make a list of books that you think are similar. What is their core message?

