

Quote Connection Answer Key

Expected Explanation (sample):

The quotation reflects the theme that patience and steady effort lead to growth and success. Just as roots need time to grow before flowers can bloom, people need time and persistence to achieve meaningful results. The story teaches that good things do not happen instantly but come through consistent care and determination.

Teacher Notes:

- Guide students to connect the **specific line** to the **broader theme**.
- Accept variations that capture the core lesson (e.g., "Patience brings rewards," "Growth takes time and care").
- Remind students that the theme should apply beyond gardening—it's about life lessons.