

Name _____

Theme Glow Answer Key

Sentences pointing to the central theme (students should highlight/underline):

- *"Mira, a young girl, had only a tiny lantern, much smaller than her neighbors'."*
- *"Many large lanterns toppled or went dark in the storm."*
- *"But Mira's small lantern, shielded by the curve of her doorway, continued to burn steadily."*
- *"Neighbors gathered near her home, drawn by the warm and hopeful light."*
- *"She realized that even something small can bring comfort and unity to many."*

Central Theme (expected student response):

Even the smallest contributions can have a powerful impact.

Teacher Guide:

- Encourage students to see that the **theme is not about lanterns or the festival itself**, but about the **larger lesson**: strength, hope, and unity can come from unexpected or humble places.
- Accept variations of the theme if they capture this idea, such as: *"True value isn't measured by size"* or *"Small acts can bring great hope."*