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Idea To Insight

Directions: Read each statement below carefully. Decide whether it represents a **topic** (a broad subject or idea the text is about) or a **theme** (a deeper message or lesson the text teaches). Write **T** for *Topic* or **TH** for *Theme* next to each statement.

_____ 1. Hard work and determination

_____ 6. True effort matters more than immediate results

_____ 2. Never give up, even when the goal seems far away

_____ 7. Trying your best

_____ 3. Success

_____ 8. Persistence pays off in the end

_____ 4. Practice and patience

_____ 9. Effort

_____ 5. Staying focused through challenges leads to growth

_____ 10. Determination helps people overcome obstacles

Reflection Questions:

1. How are topics and themes connected in a story?

2. Which statement do you think best captures the *message* a story about perseverance might teach?

3. Why is it important to know the difference between a topic and a theme when analyzing literature?
