**DR SEUSS**

**WHAT IS A MAIN MESSAGE/THEME?**

* The main idea, or message that the author is trying to convey.
* A theme that is not “stated” but inferred.
* The message could be something that the author wants us to learn or understand about relationships, human behavior, how to live our lives, or to know about things that are wrong or unfair in society.

To understand the theme or main message, we need to examine different literary elements like **CONFLICT, CHARACTERS** and **SETTING.**

**Conflict Characters: Setting**

What is the conflict in the story? What are the traits that define What effect does the setting

Is it between people? the main character(s) have on the characters and

Is it a problem within a person? What are the traits that motivate the mood of the story?

Is it a problem with nature? the main character(s) in his/her Setting refers to physical location

Is it a problem with Society? actions? Setting refers to time in history

How is the conflict resolved? How do the character(s) change

and what do they learn?

ASSIGNMENT

Design a poster or mobile which illustrates the theme of one of the Dr. Seuss books. Use the template above to fill in details which support the main message(s) or themes.

Choose and object or image which symbolizes the main message(s) or main theme in the story.