

Subject

The general topic, content, and ideas contained in the text. This can be stated in one word or a phrase.

The idea of subject words is to cite the most important themes, in the form of a noun, of the text. These should only be nouns that correlate with the main ideas of the writing.

Example

Fire and Ice by Robert Frost
Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

Choose ONE subject word. Keep these questions in mind when deciding a word to use:

Is it a noun?

What is the main idea or message the author is trying to convey?

What word in the writing itself demonstrates importance to the author's message?

Is the subject word you chose specific enough for this idea?

Is it too general?

Can you support the subject word you chose to specific moments in the work?

*For this piece of writing, a best subject word is destruction.