***Universal Themes and Generalizations***

**Themes fall into eight categories:**

**\* Change \*Power**

**\* Conflict \*Structure**

**\* Order vs Chaos \*Systems**

**\* Patterns \*Relationships**

**Change**

**- Change generates additional change**

**- Change can be either positive or negative**

**- Change is inevitable**

**- Change is necessary for growth**

**- Change can be evolutionary or revolutionary**

***Conflict***

**- Conflict is composed of opposing forces**

**- Conflict may be natural or human-made**

**- Conflict may be intentional or unintentional**

**- Conflict may allow for synthesis and change**

***Order vs Chaos***

**- Order may be natural or constructed**

**- Order may allow for prediction**

**- Order is a form of communication**

**- Order may have repeated patterns**

**- Order and chaos are reciprocals**

**- Order leads to chaos and chaos leads to order**

***Patterns***

**- Patterns have segments that are repeated- Power is the ability to influence**

**- Power may be used or abused**

**- Power is always present in some form**

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**- Patterns have an internal order**

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***Structures***

**- Structures have parts that interrelate**

**- Parts of structures support and are supported**

**by other parts**

**- Smaller structures may be combined to form**

**larger structures**

**- A structure is no stronger than its weakest**

**component/part**

***Systems***

**- Systems have parts that work to complete**

**a task**

**- Systems are composed of sub-systems**

**- Parts of systems are interdependent upon**

**one another and form symbiotic relationships**

**- A system may be influenced by other systems**

**- Systems interact**

**- Systems follow rules**

***Relationships***

**- Everything is related in some way**

**- All relationships are purposeful**

**- Relationships change over time**