Finding Theme

At the heart of every story is a theme – the message or general idea about life that the writer hopes to convey. The theme is usually revealed though a narrator's words or through a main character's words or actions. The message may be stated directly or indirectly. Themes such as the importance of love, courage, and honor or the dangers of greed are often illustrated by the events of a story.

Directions: While reading the stories, "The Princess and All the Kingdom" and "The Censors" analyze the story to determine the theme of each story. Also determine how each theme was revealed. You will then need to address how this theme relates to your life.

"The Princess and All the Kingdom"

What is the theme?
How is it revealed in the story?
How does the message apply to your life?

"The Censors"

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How is it revealed in the story?
How does the message apply to your life?

"The Princess and All the Kingdom"
Rubric

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"The Censors"
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