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Plot and Theme

- A story's **plot** is the important parts of a story. These parts include the beginning, middle, and end.
- A story's **theme** is the **big idea** of a story. It can be stated in one sentence. It is an idea that the author would like you to learn.

Directions Write the answers to these questions on the lines below.

Possible responses given.

1. How would the story of *Buck's Way* be different if Buck had not joined the swim team?

He would not have realized what a fast swimmer he was.

2. What else could Buck have done to solve his problem?

asked an older duck to teach him to swim

3. How do you think the story might have ended?

Buck learned to swim like the other ducks.

Directions What is the message of *Buck's Way*? What does the author want you to learn by thinking about the story? Retell the story of *Buck's Way* in your own words. Your last sentence should be the message of the story.

- 4-5. **Answers will vary.**