Theming | Find some interesting aspect of the story: who or what is at the center of that idea?

**individual**
- a single individual
  - their human personality
    - emotion: pleasant, unpleasant, heavenly virtue, or deadly sin
    - state of mind (more complex than base emotions)
    - facing adversity: facing general adversity, self-sacrifice, survival
    - tough decision: life choice, personal ethical dilemma, personal practical dilemma
    - human aspiration, human need, human pleasure, life lesson, way of life
  - their challenges in life
    - coping with: an affliction, danger, death, having to do something, life issues, problematic people, social issues, stress
  - their purpose in life
    - introspection
    - family affairs: familial relations, growing up, parenting

- two individuals interacting
  - romantic relationship, (other) one-on-one interaction

- a limited group of people interacting
  - social dichotomy (ideologies compared), social ethical dilemma, social order, human rights, medical ethics

**society**
- a society’s internal affairs
  - past and present moral controversy, contemporary social issue, gender issues
  - intercultural: views and customs, cross cultural understanding, problem of language and meaning
  - transnational: diplomacy, war
  - social dichotomy (ideologies compared), social ethical dilemma, social order, human rights, medical ethics

- two or more societies together
- all thinking, feeling beings

**the universe**
- knowledge of the world through faith
  - crackpot theory, organized religion, superstition
  - classical philosophy: aesthetics, ethics, human nature, metaphysics

- knowledge of the world through science and reason
  - modern science: discredited scientific theory, scientific discipline, topics in science, topics in technology
  - the art of war (ie. how to defeat an enemy)
  - the fine arts and the humanities

**...and beyond**
- fantasy or speculation about individual experience
  - what if I faced an incredible situation, what if my life were different
  - existential risk (extraterrestrial, force majeur, or man-made), utopia, something else

- fantasy or speculation about society
  - biologically distinguished, culturally distinguished, earth-life inspired, dwells in a strange place, it's inorganic, mentally distinguished, none of the other categories fit, it's pastraistic, stereotype of something we know, it lives in space, it is way beyond us

- fantasy or speculation about aliens
  - AI technology, alternate laws of nature, fictional apparatus, human enhancement, mastering space, mind technology, real gadget (that was fiction at the time), starship technology, what’s out there

- other fantasy or sci-fi concepts

These are theme categories. Look up specific themes at http://www.themeontology.org/themes.