Instruction:

Write a theme analysis for the short story “The Treasure of Lemon Brown” by Walter Myers.

* Use PEEL to develop your paragraph
  + Point
  + Evidence
  + Explain
  + Link/Conclusion
* You need three pieces of evidence from the text and you need to explain how this evidence links to the theme
* In-text citations should be used
* Transition words or phrases should be used
* Correct grammar and spelling
* This should be in final draft form

If needed, use the example text below analyzing the theme from a different short story to help guide you.

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“Those Shoes”  
by Maribeth Boelts

Theme Analysis

**Theme: People should be kind to one another during their time of need.**

The overarching theme in the short story “Those Shoes” by Maribeth Boelts is that **people should be kind to one another during their time of need**. This theme can be seen throughout the story. Mr. Alfrey, the guidance counselor, notices that Jeremy’s shoes are coming apart. Mr. Alfrey states, “Looks like you could use a new pair, Jeremy” (line 12). Even though the shoes Jeremy receives are not the shoes he really wanted, Mr. Alfrey took the time to help a student in need. Jeremy’s grandmother recognized her grandson’s needs when she was willing to spend money she had saved on “those shoes” (line 17). Her kindness is also demonstrated when she was willing to ride the bus to three different thrift shops in search for the high-tops (lines 30 – 37). This theme is demonstrated when Jeremy ultimately decides to give his shoes to Antonio because he realizes that his friend’s needs are greater than his own. This is demonstrated when the text states, “Before I can change my mind, the shoes are in my coat…I put the shoes in front of his door, push the door bell – and run” (lines 72 – 74). Although various themes are represented in this story, the theme that people should be kind to one another during their time of need is strongly supported.