12 Common Themes in Literature

~ Man Struggles Against Nature
~ Man Struggles Against Societal Pressure
~ Man Struggles to Understand Spirituality
~ Crime Does Not Pay (A famous example is "The Tale Tell Heart" - Edgar Allen Poe)
~ Overcoming Adversity
~ Friendship is Dependent on Sacrifice
~ The importance of Family
~ Yin and Yang: Just when you think you have things figured out, a challenge arises and we have to balance it all out.
~ Love is the Worthiest of Pursuits
~ Death is Part of the Life Cycle
~ Sacrifices Bring Reward
~ Human Beings All Have the Same Needs (ex-good, bad, rich, or poor, we all need love)

What themes are present in The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963?