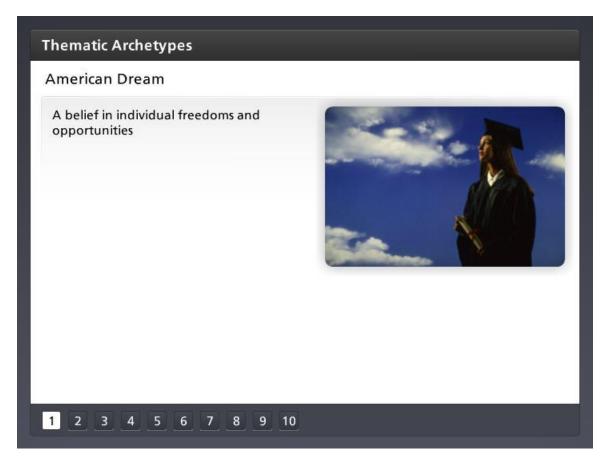
Introduction



Explore the thematic archetypes commonly associated with American literature. Use the numbers on the bottom of the activity to advance each slide to read about each archetype's description.



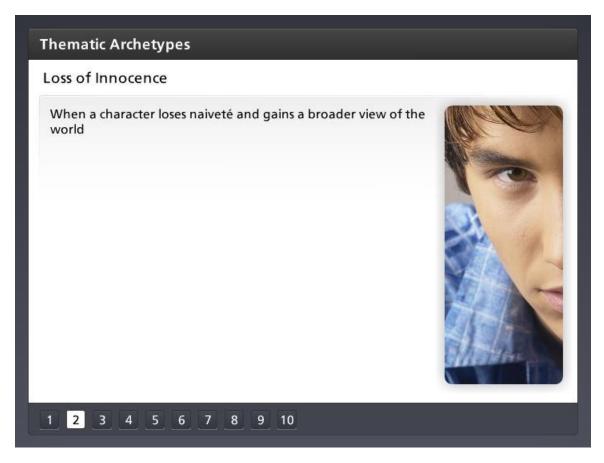
American Dream



A belief in individual freedoms and opportunities



Loss of Innocence



When a character loses naiveté and gains a broader view of the world



Coming of Age



When a character makes decisions that demonstrate an awareness of adulthood



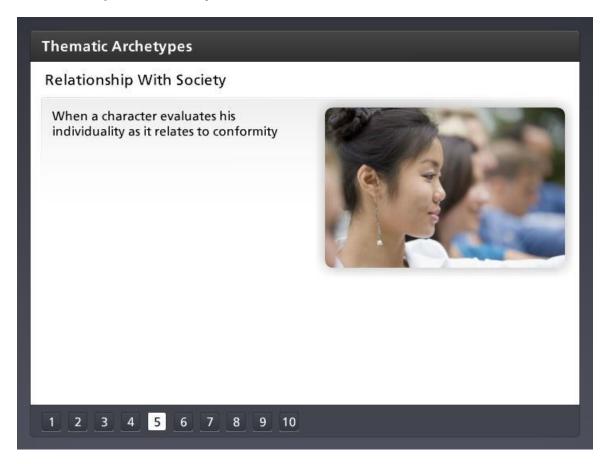
Relationship With Nature



When a character has an unending relationship with the natural world



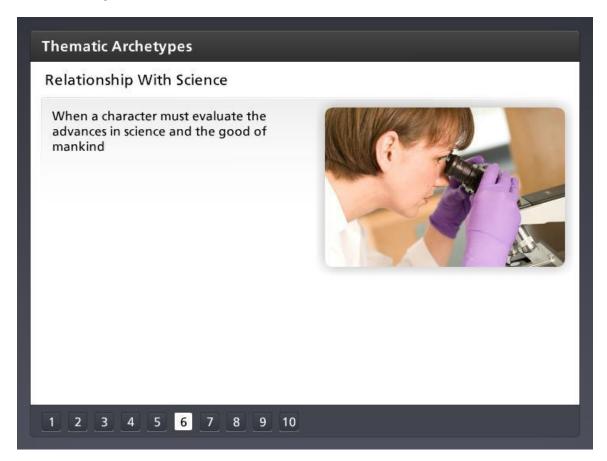
Relationship With Society



When a character evaluates his individuality as it relates to conformity



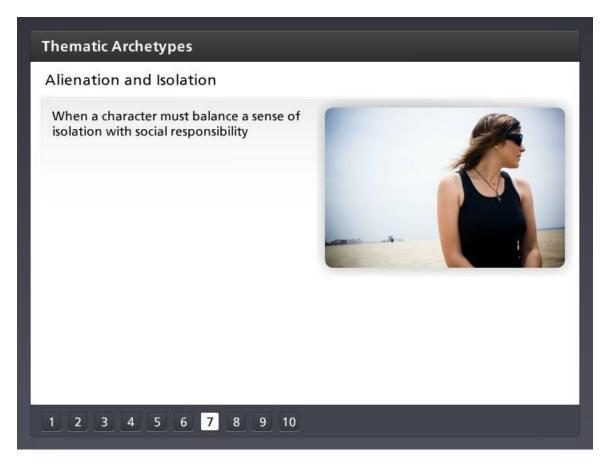
Relationship With Science



When a character must evaluate the advances in science and the good of mankind



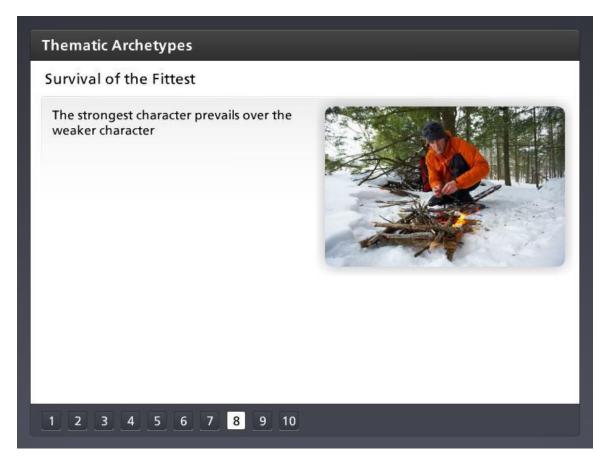
Alienation and Isolation



When a character must balance a sense of isolation with social responsibility



Survival of the Fittest



The strongest character prevails over the weaker character



Disillusionment



When a character's dreams are lost and unfulfilled



Rebellion and Protest



When a character seeks to right injustice for self and community

