

UNIVERSAL THEMES AND GENERALIZATIONS

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| 1. | CHANGE | 5. | POWER |
| 2. | CONFLICT | 6. | STRUCTURE |
| 3. | ORDER vs. CHAOS | 7. | SYSTEMS |
| 4. | PATTERNS | 8. | RELATIONSHIPS |

1. Change
 - change generates additional change
 - change can be either positive/negative
 - change is inevitable
 - change is necessary for growth
 - change can be evolutionary or revolutionary
2. Conflict
 - conflict is composed of opposing forces
 - conflict may be natural or human-made
 - conflict may be intentional or unintentional
 - conflict may allow for synthesis and change
3. Order vs. Chaos
 - order may be natural or constructed
 - order may allow for prediction
 - order is a form of communication
 - order may have repeated patterns
 - order and chaos are reciprocals
 - order leads to chaos and chaos leads to order

4. Patterns
 - patterns have segments that are repeated
 - patterns allow for prediction
 - patterns have an internal order
 - patterns are enablers

5. Power
 - power is the ability to influence
 - power may be used or abused
 - power is always present in some form
 - power may take many forms (chemical, electrical, political, mechanical)

6. Structure
 - structures have parts that interrelate
 - parts of structures support and are supported by other parts
 - smaller structures may be combined to form larger structures
 - a structure is no stronger than its weakest component part

7. Systems
 - systems have parts that work to complete a task
 - systems are composed of sub-systems
 - parts of systems are interdependent upon one another and form symbiotic relationships
 - a system may be influenced by other systems
 - systems interact
 - systems follow rules

8. Relationships
 - everything is related in some way
 - all relationships are purposeful
 - relationships change over time