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| Nothing Gold Can Stay |  |
| by [Robert Frost](http://www.poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/192) | |
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| Nature's first green is gold,  Her hardest hue to hold.  Her early leaf's a flower;  But only so an hour.  Then leaf subsides to leaf.  So Eden sank to grief,  So dawn goes down to day.  Nothing gold can stay.  **hue:** color  **subsides:** gives way; wear off; die down  **Eden:** Paradise (In the Bible, Adam and Eve are banished—forced to leave—the garden of Eden.)  **grief:** sadness |  |
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The word *gold* has different meanings. What are at least two of the different meanings and do both meanings makes sense in this poem?

Remember that a ***theme*** is the message an author is trying to get across. It could be a **lesson** or some truth about **how the world is** or is or **human nature (how people are).** Which of the following could be a theme for the poem? Circle all that apply?

* 1. Leaves are green in the spring, but then turn gold.
  2. Nothing lasts forever.
  3. Flowers don’t last forever.
  4. Leaves fall off trees.
  5. Sometimes you value things more when you can only have them for a little while.
  6. Nothing can be perfect forever.
  7. The sun sets each day.