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- B where the characters grew up
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4 "Her red dress got dirty at the ball" is an example of a possible theme for a fairy tale.

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Make good boys out of bad boys.

This is an example of _____.

- A a stated theme
- B an exaggeration
- C the plot
- D dialogue



- C Evil will be overcome by good.
- D Beauty fades with time.



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