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## Handout 25C: Themes/Messages/Lessons

**Directions:** Record the themes, messages on the porch, and lessons in *Walk Two Moons* in each box.

Themes

- Life is full of joy and sorrow
- Hope & bravery can help us face the hard things and embrace the good things.
- We are each on our own journey and learn things along the way.
- Stories connect people and teach us about our own and others' experiences
- Life is mysterious, and there are not always explanations

Messages on Phoebe's Porch	Message Meanings
"Don't judge a man until you've walked two moons in his moccasins."	You shouldn't criticize or form an opinion about someone until you've been in their place for a while.
"Everyone has his own agenda."	Each person has his or her own plans, thoughts, and concerns.
"In the course of a lifetime, what does it matter?"	When you compare something to the rest of your life and everything else that has happened, does this thing really matter?
"You can't keep the birds of sadness from flying over your head, but you can keep them from nesting in your hair."	You can't stop bad things from happening, but you can try to not let them keep you down & feeling sad.
"We never know the worth of water until the well is dry."	We don't know how important something or someone is until they are gone.

Lessons

- 1.) Sal is learning that her mother's leaving had nothing to do with her.
- 2.) Sal is learning that there is hope even in the worst of times.
- 3.) Sal has learned sometimes you need to be alone with the birds of sadness and cry.
- 4.) Sal is learning that sometimes people do things for their own reasons, and this does not mean they don't love you.
- 5.) Sal is learning to "walk in others' moccasins" and see things from their perspective.