

Naturalist Themes

First theme

The Brute Within

Everyone has "strong and often warring emotions" leading to behavior considered taboo by society. Encountering the indifferent universe can cause this brute to rise up, often in violent ways.

For example, the Incredible Hulk.

Second theme

The indifference of nature as man struggles to survive

Third theme

The influence of "**heredity and environment**"
(or one's background and surroundings) on
the development of a person.

Fourth theme

Determinism

The inability to express free will or personal agency.

Fifth theme

The dark side of the human condition