

The TEV Research Engine

TEV = traverse · interpret · verify

Turns today's open web into themes with receipts, then labels those themes so they can be found by feeling, territory, scale, tempo, and narrative move.

FIVE CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES

Every stored Theme is tagged against five independent vocabularies — kept orthogonal on purpose. Emotion is feeling; Genre is territory; Scale is spatial scope; Energy is tempo; Meaning is the narrative move.

Emotion

0-2 · INNER STAKES

Human feeling in the source — not motion, territory, or story arc.

Happy · Sad · Ecstatic · Depressed · Calm · Anxious · Confused · Heartbroken · Angry · Nostalgic · Hopeful · Fearful · Peaceful · Melancholic · Excited · Surprised

Genre

0-2 · VISUAL TERRITORY

What world the source inhabits — cultural/visual register, not mood.

Realistic · Sci-Fi/Futuristic · Fantasy/Surreal · Historical/Period · Abstract/Conceptual · Natural/Landscape · Urban/Industrial · Domestic/Interior · Portrait/Character · Dark/Noir · Romantic/Dreamy · Minimalist · Cultural/Traditional · Adventure/Action · Narrative/Storytelling · Political/Policy

Scale

EXACTLY ONE · SPATIAL SCOPE

How big the frame is. A wearable launch is Medium — not Intimate for mentioning a wrist.

Micro · Intimate/Personal · Medium/Human Scale · Large/Expansive · Epic/Monumental · Cosmic/Godly/Otherworldly

Energy

0-2 · TEMPO / ATMOSPHERE

Motion quality of the piece. Poetic wording does not automatically earn Lyrical.

Serene · Violent · Lyrical · Random/Chaotic · Ludicrous/Absurd · Static · Tense · Playful · Dramatic · Euphoric · Ominous · Energetic · Contemplative

Meaning

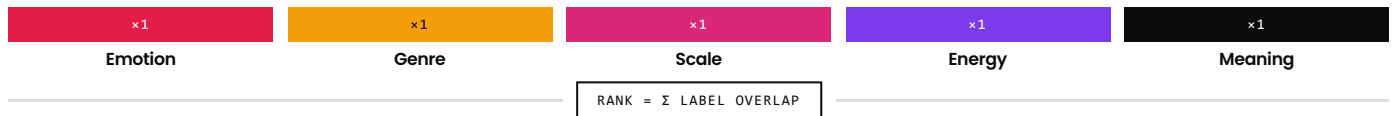
0-2 · NARRATIVE MOVE

The human proposition — distinct from feeling, register, bigness, and tempo.

Retreat · Pursuit · Suspension · Confinement · Threshold · Emergence · Erosion · Return · Gatekeeping · Stewardship · Contention · Recognition · Intrusion · Witness · Paradox · Juxtaposition · Ascent · Fall · Agency · Communion

RETRIEVAL SCORING

w = 1 · equal weight across five axes



CLASSIFICATION IN PRACTICE

EVIDENCE WEIGHTING

Classify from REAL ARTICLE DATA, not poetic Theme alone.

1. Snippet — primary
2. Headline — secondary
3. Outlet — tertiary
4. Theme — last, optional tint

MEANINGS = narrative move — not emotion, genre, scale, or energy. Retreat ≠ Calm · Intrusion ≠ Absurd Gatekeeping ≠ Abstract alone

JSON: emotion, genre, scale, energy, meaning
Scale: one. Others: 0-2.

SOURCE → THEME

Headline ChatGPT writing feature changes are ruining writing for some paid subscribers

Snippet Paid subscription changes degrading drafting quality for professional writers...

Outlet makeuseof.com · **Theme** paywalled prose lock

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{
  "emotion": ["Angry", "Confused"],
  "genre": ["Abstract/Conceptual", "Sci-Fi/Futuristic"],
  "scale": ["Medium/Human Scale"],
  "energy": ["Tense", "Ominous"],
  "meaning": ["Gatekeeping"]
}
```

HAS_EMOTION

HAS_GENRE

HAS_SCALE

HAS_ENERGY

HAS_MEANING

Same schema, different move: copybaras in a legislature → Surprised / Narrative-Storytelling / Ludicrous-Absurd / **Intrusion**.

FROM SEED THEME TO GRAPH

01 · Seed

Rotate

NewsAPI + RSS + art/lit pool. Five seeds start the search.

02 · Traverse

Pull day

NewsAPI Everything (UTC day); RSS fallback ~1000 domains. Skip known URLs.

03 · Interpret

Distill

2-7 word theme from source — an image, never a renamed headline.

04 · Select

Keep all

1-3 feed the image product. Every sourced theme is stored.

05 · Ingest

Merge

Neo4j MERGES Source/Theme. Dup URLs skip; near-dup themes reuse nodes.

06 · Classify

Label

Extractor on stored pair. Headline + snippet lead; theme last.

A versioned interpretation substrate: sources as proof, themes as territory, five orthogonal labels as the index. Keywords still work. This is the layer above them.