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**Overlapping Themes**

**The Reality of the 1980s-1990s**

**How 1950’s Portrayed in *Totoro***

* Salaryman- Role of Father
	+ Studying
* Coping with Sick Parent
* Dark overtones
* Brave female protagonist
* Urban Sprawl, Pollution
* Children put through vigorous testing and studying
* Burst of the economy in 1990s = less jobs
* Transportation, modern luxuries are more elite
* Naturalistic
	+ Idyllic countryside
	+ Rain, Trees
	+ Acorns
	+ Corn
* Children free to be children
	+ Top
	+ Horns
* Shintoism/Spirituality
	+ Shrine
* Childhood Wonder
	+ Believe in Totoro