

Types of Conflict

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to identify and sort examples of literary conflict into the categories: character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, and character vs. society.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Index cards (at least 8)
- pen or pencil
- scissors
- a small box or envelope

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. On 8 separate index cards, write 8 different short conflict scenarios (2 for each type: vs. character, vs. self, vs. nature, vs. society) — you can invent them or pull them from books/movies you know.
2. Shuffle the cards and place them in a box or envelope.
3. Draw each card one at a time and sort it into one of four labeled piles on the table (label each pile with paper signs).
4. Identify the main conflict in the book you are currently reading and write it on a 9th card, sorting it into the correct pile.
5. Check your sorting with a family member — discuss any card you disagreed on.

QUESTIONS

1. **What is the main conflict in your current book, and which type is it?**

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2. **Give one example of internal conflict (character vs. self) and explain what makes it 'internal.'**

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3. **Can a story have more than one type of conflict at the same time? Give an example from your reading.**
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4. Which type of conflict was hardest to write an example for, and why?
