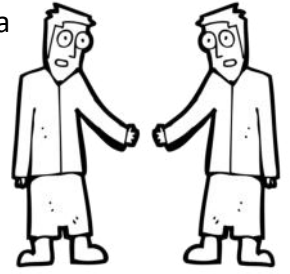


Lesson #4: Types of Conflict

In the previous lesson we discussed internal vs. external conflict. Remember, conflict is a struggle between two opposing forces. We can expand on conflict by identifying the four type of conflict we encounter in literature. *See if you can identify which ones are internal and which are external!*

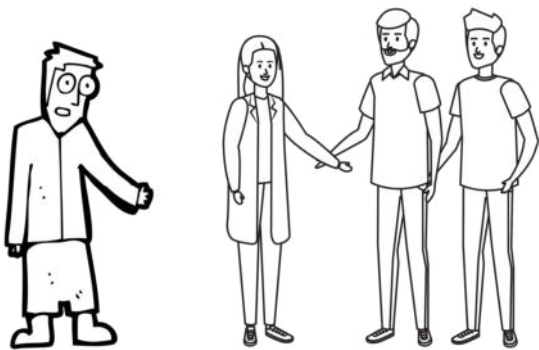


First, **Man vs. Self** occurs when a character is in a struggle with their own thoughts.

Example: While she knew it was wrong to copy a paper from the Internet, Darla also knew that she would fail social studies if she didn't turn this report in on time. It seemed like she didn't have a choice.

Second, **Man vs. Nature** occurs when a character is up against something in nature such as weather, terrain, or insects.

Example: As the men huddled in the lifeboat, they stared out into the dark night. They were hundreds of miles from shore. The sea was choppy. The temperature was dropping.



Third, **Man vs. Society** occurs when a character is fighting the law or beliefs of a group.

Example: After a car accident leaves Lewis in a wheelchair, he becomes an activist and fights to change the law so that his school is accessible to him, and he is able to attend classes on his own.

Lastly, **Man vs. Man** occurs when a character struggles with another character.

Example: Year after year, Bryan has come in second place in the school's annual archery contest. Year after year, Sylvia has won. This year, Bryan is determined to be the winner and finally defeat Sylvia, at any cost.

Watch these clips and see if you can identify which type of conflict they are.

[Internal] Tangled: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awvSykRdR4s>

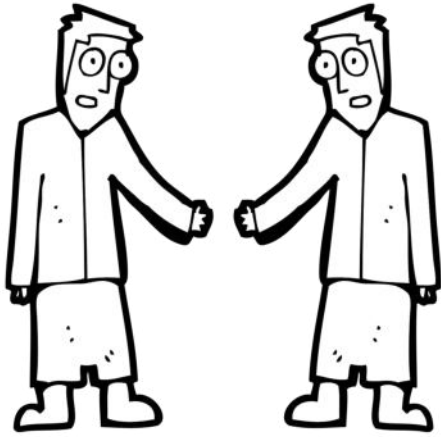
[External] Toy Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLWd8tzQhc0>

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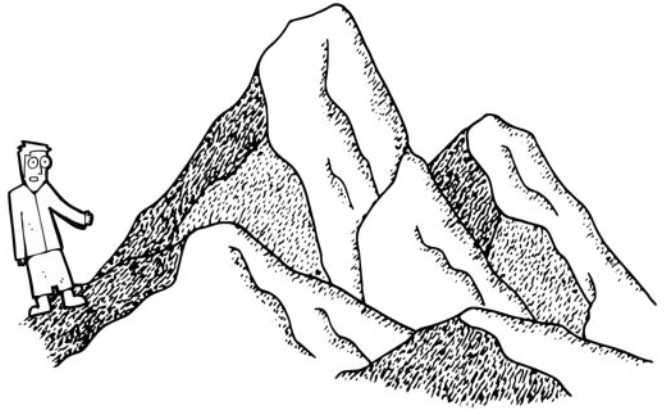
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***Language warning (Based on a true story)*

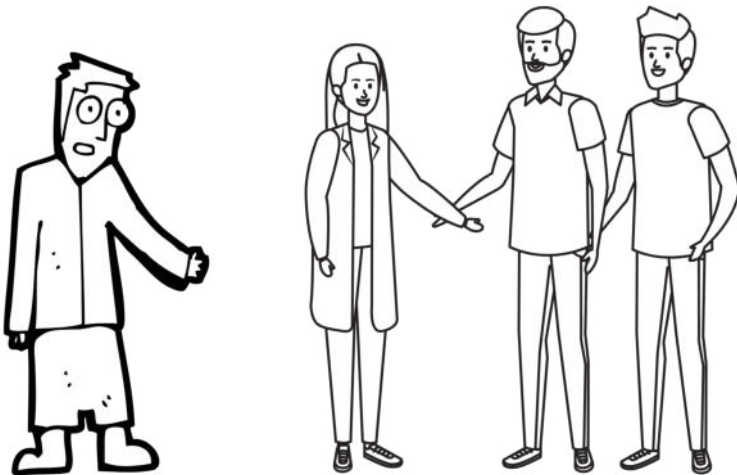
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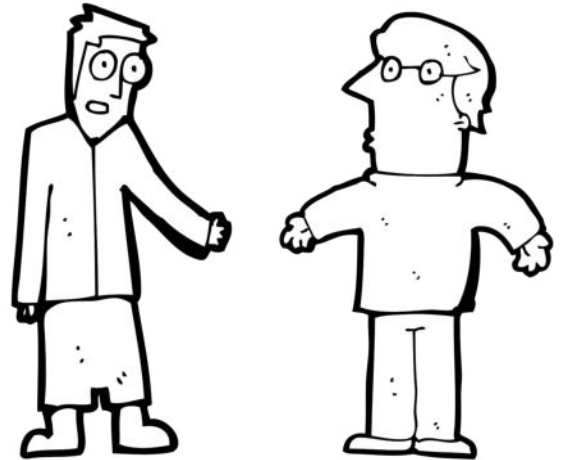
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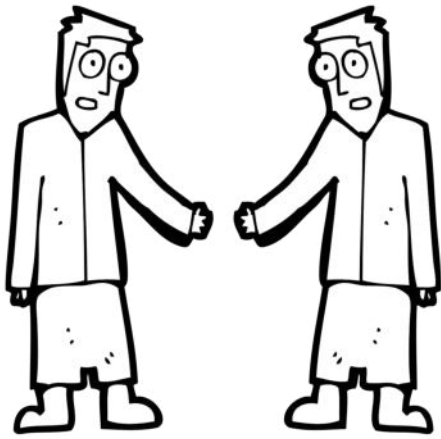


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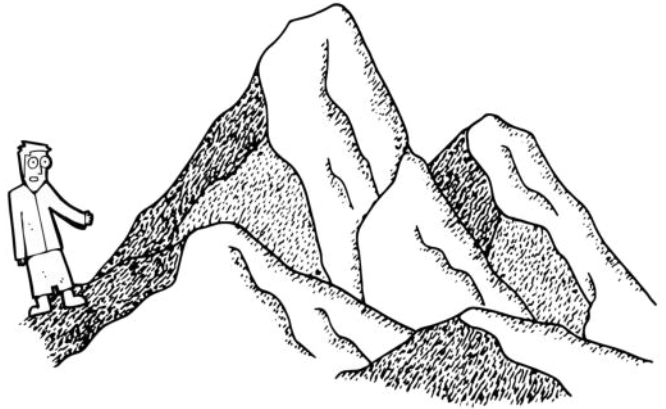
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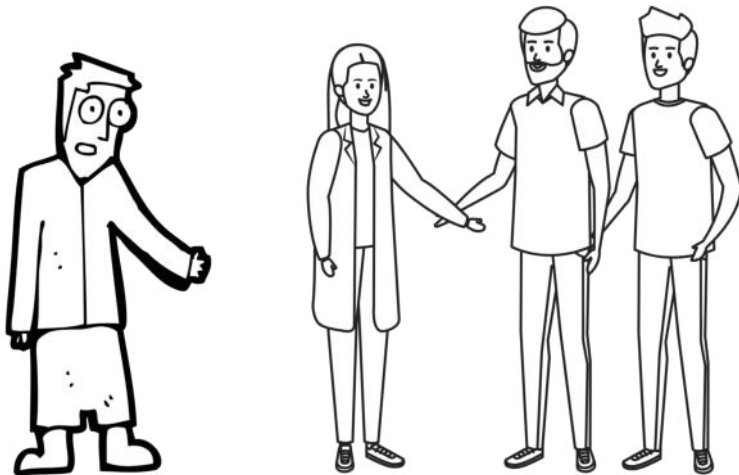
Man vs. Self

Internal conflict between a character and his thoughts or feelings



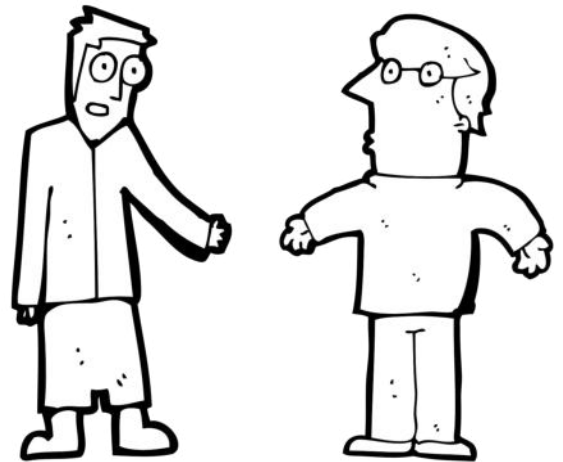
Man vs. Nature

External conflict that puts a character up against things like insects, weather, terrain



Man vs. Society

External conflict, character goes up against the laws or beliefs of a group



Man vs. Man

External conflict, struggle between two characters