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English 9
A Constant Struggle

Conflict is a struggle that a character must overcome. The conflict of a story produces tension and drives the action of the plot.

There are four main types of conflict:

1. Man vs. Man – a character struggles with one or more other characters
2. Man vs. Nature – a character struggles with some force of nature
3. Man vs. Self – a character struggles with his or her own personal issue(s)
4. Man vs. Society – a character struggles with the law or some other aspect of society

Directions: Read the sentences below, then write the letter of the type of conflict represented.

A. Man vs. Man
Society

B. Man vs. Nature

C. Man vs. Self

D. Man vs.

- _____ 1. A boy finds himself unfairly accused of a crime and has been put in jail until his trial.
- _____ 2. A woman reevaluates her life after turning fifty years old. She takes a trip to all the places she has always wanted to see and is gone for nearly two months.
- _____ 3. In the woods, a man leaves his camping group. It becomes dark, and he finds himself alone with a grizzly bear.
- _____ 4. Ralph doesn't wish to join in the army like his brother Jake has. No one in his family is putting any pressure on him to do so, but he feels torn.
- _____ 5. A father is forced to fight his neighbors in defense of his land.
- _____ 6. A college student struggles with pressure from his parents to do well in school. They want him to become a doctor, but he wants to be an actor. He tells them of his wishes, but they won't listen.
- _____ 7. A young woman fights to stay alive during a raging blizzard.
- _____ 8. A disagreement has existed between two neighboring families for decades.
- _____ 9. A young girl hopes to become the first female starting quarterback at Warren Mott High School, even though there has never been a girl on the team.
- _____ 10. A woman and her child run for cover during a tornado.