

Lesson Skill: Identifying types of conflict

Strand Reading--fiction

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Materials

- PowerPoint presentation on conflict, available at http://www.readwritethink.org/lesson_images/lesson802/Conflict.ppt
- Stories that have been read or that are being read by the class
- Copies of the attached Types of Conflict chart

Lesson

1. Show the PowerPoint presentation on conflict in narratives, and review the concepts as the slides are presented.
2. Distribute copies of the Types of Conflict chart. Have students access various stories they have read or are reading for class. Put students into groups, and have groups identify and write down situations in the stories that are examples of the four types of conflict.
3. Have groups read the situations they wrote, and have the remainder of the class identify the types of conflict represented.

Types of Conflict

<p>Character vs. Character</p>	 An illustration showing three men in a physical confrontation. One man in a blue suit is being held back by two other men, one in a brown suit and one in a light blue suit. They appear to be in a tense or conflictual situation.
<p>Character vs. Self</p>	 An illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, sitting on a wooden bench. He is looking down with a sad or thoughtful expression. Behind him is a blue door with a yellow sign that says "PRINCIPAL".
<p>Character vs. Nature</p>	 An illustration of a person in a green shirt and yellow pants running through a storm. The background is a dark, swirling purple and black, with yellow lightning bolts striking down. The person is running towards the right, looking back over their shoulder.
<p>Character vs. Society</p>	 An illustration of a man in a grey suit and purple tie standing on a green hill. He is looking down at a smaller figure in a white shirt and blue pants who is running away from him. The background is a light blue sky with a white sun.

