Conflict

In literature, a **conflict** is a **literary element** that involves **a struggle between two opposing forces** usually a protagonist and an antagonist.

Man vs. Self – INTERNAL CONFLICT

* A character is experiencing a struggle within his/her own mind or heart (facing a fear, making a decision).

Man vs. Man – EXTERNAL CONFLICT

* A character is struggling against another character, physically, mentally, or verbally.

Man vs. Nature – EXTERNAL CONFLICT

* A character is experiencing a struggle against some element of nature (a storm, a wild animal, etc…).

Man vs. Society – EXTERNAL CONFLICT

* A character is acting in a way that goes against societal norms or what is considered acceptable in society.