

Types of Conflict

Character vs. Character

A character has a problem with one of more of the other characters.

Character vs. Society

A character has a problem with society – the school, the law, tradition.

Character vs. Self

A character struggles with himself, trying to make a decision.

Character vs. Nature

A character is in conflict with some element of nature – animals, bitter cold, extreme heat, a tornado or hurricane, etc.

Character vs. Fate

A character struggles against the unknown and that which is beyond human comprehension: fate, magic, death, or the supernatural.

Character vs. Machine

A character struggles for control and survival against a real or fictional machine or invention.