

Spotlight Literary Skill

Conflict

Characters in a story must deal with different problems or struggles. Many times this act of struggling is what makes the story interesting. In *The Outsiders*, find one example of each of the following types of struggles.

1. **Character versus Character:** A character in the story has a conflict with one or more other characters.

2. **Character versus Self:** A character must deal with a problem (physical or emotional) within himself or herself.

3. **Character versus Society:** A character must deal with a part of society that is a problem (family, friends, community, government, rules, etc.).

4. **Character versus Nature:** A character must deal with a problem created by a natural force.
