

“To Build a Fire”– Jack London

Types of Conflict

<p style="text-align: center;">MAN vs. MAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● involves a struggle with another character<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ protagonist vs. antagonist; good guy vs. bad guy <p>Ex: Batman vs. Joker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXTERNAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAN vs. NATURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● involves a struggle with a force of nature<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ natural disaster○ animal○ desolation● usually for survival <p>Ex: In “To Build a Fire,” the man must face the extreme cold.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXTERNAL</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MAN vs. SOCIETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● struggle against social traditions, culture, expectations, or rules in the society in which a person lives <p>Ex: In <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>, Atticus Finch encounters problems when he decides to defend a black man against a white woman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXTERNAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAN vs. SELF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● struggle within a character’s mind● usually involves a choice (like right or wrong) or the fight to overcome emotions or mixed feelings <p>Ex: In <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>, Juliet struggles with her feelings and her decision to love Romeo.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERNAL</p>

Text Response Questions

1. What does the dog know that the man does not? (Cite examples of the dog’s behavior to justify your answer.)
2. What INTERNAL conflict does the man face? What two EXTERNAL conflicts does the man face?
3. What event seals the deal on the man’s fate?