



The Necklace

Conflicts

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What is a Conflict ?



Conflict is the dramatic struggle between two forces in the story. Without a conflict, there is no plot

Internal Conflict

- It takes place in the main character's mind or within. It is usually mental or emotional to the character (man vs self). A book example would be of Ray Bradbury's book Fahrenheit 451 with the main character Guy Montag, and a movie example would be Spider-man, with the main character Peter Parker.

External Conflict

- It involves more than just the main character. Either another character or other forces (man vs man, man vs society, man vs nature and man vs fate). A book example would be Wonder (man vs society), with the main character August Pullman, and a movie example would be The Hunger Games, with the main character Katniss Everdeen (man vs society)

Types of Conflicts

- *Man vs Man- When the main character is in a conflict with another character in the story*
- *Man vs Nature-When the main character is in a conflict with the forces of nature*
- *Man vs Society - When the main character is in a conflict with a bigger group (community, government etc.)*
- *Man vs Self - When the main character is in a conflict with himself, an inner struggle.*
- *Man vs Fate- When the main character is in a conflict with his/her destiny or fulfillment*



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Reminder: Man vs Self - When the main character is in a conflict with himself, an inner struggle.

In the short story "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant, the main character, Mathilde Loisel, is in a man vs self conflict. Loisel was ashamed of her living circumstances, so she blamed herself for being a "pauper" of a person. She becomes in conflict with herself, and always questions why she and her home are not covered in the finest of jewels. Mathilde Loisel had "grieved incessantly, feeling that she had been born for all the little niceties and luxuries of living" (Maupassant 208). Not being a wealthy woman, with a wealthy husband, put Loisel in conflict with herself.



The End



Merci!!