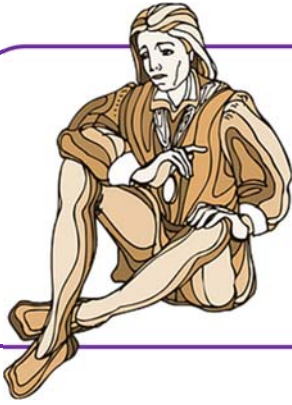


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## Clashing Forces

**Directions:** Read the two excerpts carefully. Each character faces a different type of conflict. Compare the conflicts by considering how they shape the characters' choices. Answer the reflection questions in full sentences with text support.

### Excerpt A: *Hamlet* (William Shakespeare, adapted)

"Hamlet stood alone in the hall, torn by doubt. Should he avenge his father's death, or remain silent and protect his own soul? His thoughts battled endlessly, each choice heavy with consequence."

### Excerpt B: *The Odyssey* (Homer, adapted)

"Odysseus clung to the mast of his ship as the storm roared around him. Waves crashed over the deck, and lightning split the sky. He fought against the fury of the sea, determined to survive and return home."

1. How is Hamlet's conflict different from Odysseus's?

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2. What do these conflicts reveal about each character's personality?

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3. Which conflict feels more **relatable** to you, and why?

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4. How do internal and external conflicts work together to create tension in stories?

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