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Text Analysis

CONFLICT

The main character in a story usually faces one or more conflicts. A **conflict** is a struggle between opposing forces. For example, a conflict might be within a character, between two characters or between a character and nature. A **complication** is an event or detail that make a conflict more intense.

Directions: Use the chart to record the conflicts that Sanger Rainsford faces and any complications that arise. Then answer the question that follows.

Conflict	Complications
Rainsford faces a conflict with the ocean because he falls overboard.	It is night. People on the boat cannot hear his shouts. The island is not close.

A story usually has a main conflict. This is the story's main focus. Which conflict do you think is the main conflict? Why?

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