

Conflict TDSC Sample Answer

“Who Owns the Land?”

In the oral tale “Who Owns the Land?” by Dan Yashinsky, there is an interpersonal conflict. Conflict is the struggle between two opposing forces. Interpersonal conflict is a conflict between two people. One man thinks he owns the land and the other man also thinks he owns the land.

The conflict begins when the “man who owned a field left it in the care of another man”. The man who took care of the land did very well by “ploughing, weeding, planting, harvesting it”.

The conflict starts to develop when the man who originally owns the land comes back and says, “Give it back now. The land belongs to me.” The other man refuses to give the land back. The one who takes care of the land says, “I won’t. The land belongs to me. You are the owner, but I am the one who has taken care of the land all this time. The land is mine.”

The conflict reaches a peak when the two men start to argue and decide to “find a judge to settle their dispute”. They go to the judge, Hodja, and “each man said, ‘The land is mine, the land belongs to me!’”

The conflict is resolved because “Hodja walked to the field, lay down in the dirt, and put his ear to the ground”. Both men found this odd and asked him what he was doing. Hodja responded by saying, “I’m listening.” The two men wanted to know what he was listening for and he said that he was listening to the land. Then the men laughed and wanted to know what the land said. Hodja said, “The land says that both of you belong to the land.” Therefore showing that neither owns the land but the land owns them.