

## The Tell-Tale Heart

### Conflict, Climax and Plot Structure

The Tell-Tale Heart has a combination of two main conflicts: Man vs. Man and Man vs. Self.

First, identify which paragraph would be the climax of the story for each conflict. The climaxes will be different because the conflict is different. Write the page number and the first three or so words of the paragraph to identify which one you believe is the climax. Then briefly explain why you believe that paragraph is the climax for that conflict.

- Man vs. Man: page \_\_\_\_\_ paragraph that begins with the words \_\_\_\_\_
  - Reason:
  
- Man vs Self: page \_\_\_\_\_ paragraph that begins with the words \_\_\_\_\_
  - Reason:

Now identify which climax of the two is the real climax of the story. Explain why you believe the one to be more of a true climax than the other. Be specific in your reasons.

Real climax is the one for the man vs \_\_\_\_\_ conflict.

Reasons/proof:

Finally, identify which paragraph best serves as the exposition and which one best serves as the resolution for the story.

- Exposition: page \_\_\_\_\_ paragraph that begins with the words \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Resolution: page \_\_\_\_\_ paragraph that begins with the words \_\_\_\_\_