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Types of Conflict

Directions:

1. Read each passage and decide which type or types of conflict shown.
2. Write the **type(s) of conflict** and a brief **explanation** of why you chose that type of conflict.

Types of conflict:

Person vs. self
Person vs. society
Person vs. person
Person vs. fate
Person vs. nature

#1: The newsman cleared his throat, like taking an extra few seconds was going to change what he had to say. "We are receiving reports of widespread tsunamis," he said. The tides. As most of you know, the moon controls the tides. And the moon, well, whatever happened this evening at nine thirty-seven PM – and we don't know just what really did happen, but whatever it was – the tides were affected.... We're getting an unconfirmed report that all of Cape Cod has been flooded," the newsman said. "Again, this is unconfirmed. But the AP is reporting that Cape Cod," – and he paused for a moment and swallowed – "that Cape Cod has been submerged. The same seems to be true of the barrier islands of the Carolina coast."

- *Life as We Knew It*

#2: Cole ignored the orcas and kept tending the fire. He watched the thick white smoke drift upward like a twisting ribbon dissolving into the sky. His cheek muscles tightened, and a dull anger glazed his eyes. He felt wearier than he had ever felt before. With his hands in tight fists, he closed his eyes and shook his head back and forth, trying to clear the anger and pressure from his mind. He wanted to think straight. He *needed* to think straight.

- *Touching Spirit Bear*

#3: The rules of the Hunger Games are simple. In punishment for the uprising, each of the twelve districts must provide one girl and one boy, called tributes, to participate. Over several weeks, the competitors must fight to the death. The last tribute standing wins.... But in District 12, where the word *tribute* is pretty much synonymous with the word *corpse*....

- *The Hunger Games*

#4: We know the story. One December evening, a woman left work and boarded a bus for home. She was tired; her feet ached. But this was Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, and the bus became crowded, the woman, a black woman, was ordered to give up her seat to a white passenger. When she remained seated, that simple decision eventually led to the disintegration or institutionalized segregation in the South, ushering in a new era of the civil rights movement.

I was three years old when a white bus driver warned Rosa Parks, "Well, I'm going to have you arrested," and she replied, " You may go on and do so."

- Rosa Parks

#5: Of all the kids in the seventh grade at Camillo Junior High, there was one kid that Mrs. Baker hated with heat whiter than the sun. Me.

- *The Wednesday Wars*

#6: Pick one type of conflict and write a paragraph (in story form) that shows this type of conflict. For an extra challenge, see if you can include two or three different kinds of conflict in your story.
