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# Preparing to Write: Who Are the Interlopers?

**Directions:** Read *The Interlopers*. Then complete the activity below, which will prepare you to respond to the writing prompt on page 15.

## The Link Between Theme and Conflict

Theme is often revealed through the conflict between two struggling forces in a work of fiction. In *The Interlopers*, there are two types of conflict:

- Human beings in conflict with one another
- Human beings in conflict with nature

You will now explore how these two conflicts reveal the theme of the play.

## Conflict 1: Human beings in conflict with one another

**1. A.** Briefly explain the conflict between George Zenova and Ivan Gratz. What are the characters' opposing desires and interests? Use details from the play to support your answer.

**B.** Who is an interloper, or intruder, in George's eyes?

**C.** Who is an interloper, or intruder, in Ivan's eyes?

**Conflict 2: Human beings in conflict with nature**

**2. A.** Briefly describe the conflict between George, Ivan, and nature. How are the characters tormented by forces of nature throughout the play? Use details from the play to support your answer.

**B.** Who is presented as an interloper, or intruder, in this conflict? Where are they not welcome?

**The link: What the conflicts in the story reveal about humans and nature**

**3.** How do these two conflicts end? Based on this ending, what is the message, lesson, or moral of the story? (You can list more than one.)