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ABIGAIL'S INTERNAL CONFLICTS

Learning Target: I can identify and analyze a character's internal conflicts and the external pressures that create them.



WHAT IS INTERNAL CONFLICT?

Internal conflict is the battle **inside** a character's mind and heart between different wants, beliefs, or choices. It's when a character is torn between two opposing desires or values.

Examples:

- A character wants to tell the truth BUT also wants to protect a friend
- A character wants to be brave BUT is also very afraid
- A character wants to fit in BUT also wants to stay true to themselves

Internal conflicts are often the most difficult challenges characters face because both sides feel important!

WHAT ARE EXTERNAL PRESSURES?

External pressures are people, rules, situations, or expectations outside the character that push them in different directions. These pressures make internal conflicts even harder.

Examples:

- Parents expecting one thing, friends expecting another
- School rules vs. rules at home
- Social pressure to act a certain way



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In Chapters 13-16, Abigail faces many internal conflicts. She's being pulled in different directions by external pressures from:

- The Witches' Code (teaching her to be wicked)
- Endera (bullying and attacking her)
- Teachers (expecting her to follow witch traditions)
- Hugo (needing her friendship and help)
- Vor (offering her a way out)
- Her heritage (being Lissandra's daughter with her father's magic)



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This activity will help you visualize all of Abigail's conflicts and the pressures that create them.

ACTIVITY 1: INTERNAL CONFLICTS



Directions: The "vs." statements show two opposing desires or values that Abigail faces. These are internal conflicts. Complete the blanks for each conflict. Use the "think" supports as needed.

1. "Be myself" vs. "_____"

Think: What is the opposite of being herself? What does Tarkana want her to be?

2. "Stay good" vs. "_____"

Think: What does the Witches' Code want her to become?

3. "Use magic openly" vs. "_____"

Think: Why can't she use her blue magic freely? What must she do instead?

4. "Accept sanctuary" vs. "_____"

Think: What is the opposite of leaving? What did she choose to do?

5. (Create your own based on the story)

"_____ " vs. "_____"

Think: What other internal battles is Abigail facing?



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ACTIVITY 2: EXTERNAL PRESSURES

Directions: Abigail is facing external pressures that affect the conflicts she is facing. Fill in the blanks below to analyze the external pressures and how they affect Abigail.

PRESSURE 1 - WITCHES' CODE:

What it teaches/expects: _____

How it pressures Abigail: _____

PRESSURE 2 - ENDERA:

What she does to Abigail: _____

How it pressures Abigail: _____

PRESSURE 3 - TEACHERS:

What they expect from her: _____

How it pressures Abigail: _____

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PRESSURE 4 - HUGO:

What he needs from her: _____

How it pressures Abigail: _____

PRESSURE 5 - VOR:

What she offers/warns: _____

How it pressures Abigail: _____

PRESSURE 6 - HER HERITAGE (being Lissandra's daughter):

What this means for her: _____

How it pressures Abigail: _____

BONUS PRESSURE: Add one more external pressure you identified:

Pressure: _____

How it affects Abigail: _____



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ACTIVITY 3: ANALYSIS QUESTIONS

Directions: Now that you understand Abigail's conflicts and pressures, analyze which ones are most difficult for her.

QUESTION 1: In your opinion, which internal conflict is the hardest for Abigail?

The hardest internal conflict is: _____

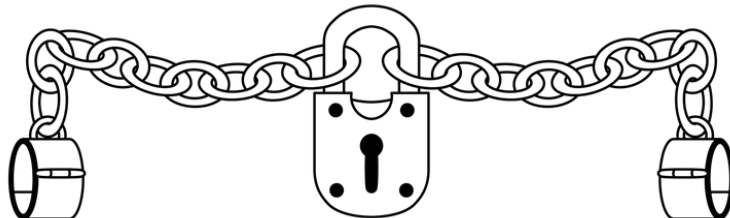
Why do you think this is the hardest?

QUESTION 2: In your opinion, which external pressure is strongest?

The strongest external pressure is: _____

Why do you think this is the strongest?

QUESTION 3: How do the external pressures create the internal conflicts?



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ACTIVITY 4: PERSONAL CONNECTION

Directions: Think about a time you've experienced an internal conflict with external pressures. Write about what the internal conflict was and what external pressures made it harder. You may use an example provided or come up with your own.

EXAMPLES:

- Wanting to tell the truth vs. keeping a friend's secret
- Trying something new vs. staying in my comfort zone
- Standing up for someone vs. staying out of it
- Being myself vs. fitting in with others
- Asking for help vs. figuring it out alone
- Doing the right thing vs. doing the easy thing
- Following the rules vs. going along with friends
- Other _____



Use the following sentence starters if needed to write about your conflict:

- My internal conflict was _____
- I was having this conflict because _____
- (External Factor) made it harder because _____
