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3. After, identify the main conflict of your text. Remember, this is the MOST IMPORTANT part as it determines the plot diagram. You should also identify two-three minor conflicts in the text.
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