What is Conflict?

- **A problem that occurs between characters/forces in a story.**
- **Conflict is the driving force of plot.**

Types of Conflicts

- **External Struggle-** A struggle between a person and an outside force.
  - Character vs. Character
  - Character vs. Nature
  - Character vs. Society
- **Internal Struggle-** A struggle occurring with a characters mind.
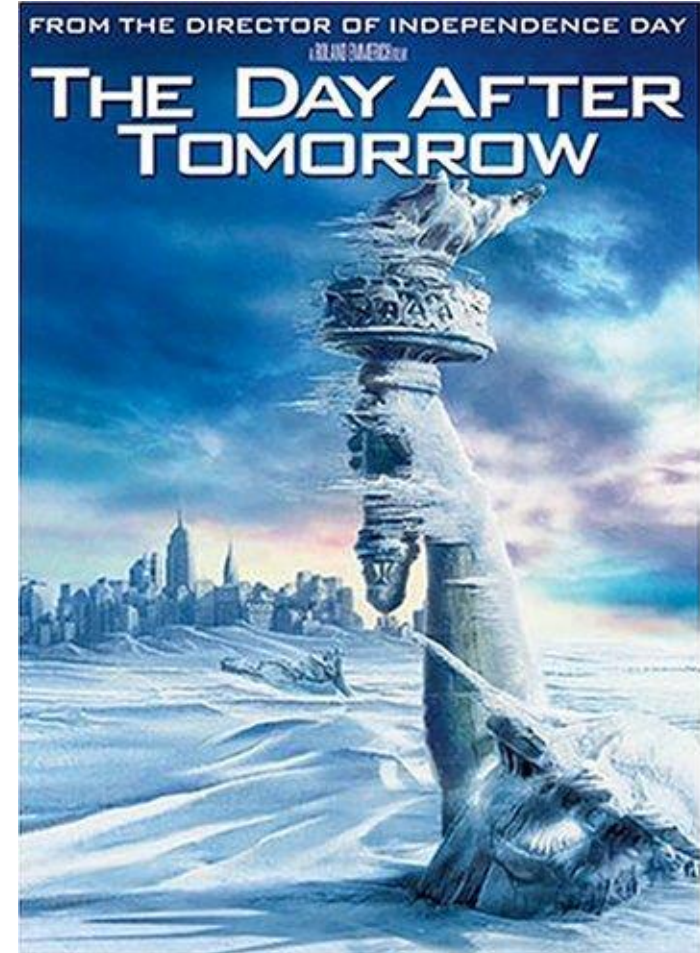 - Character vs. Self

Character vs. Character

- **Character v. Character-** An external struggle when one character has a problem with another character(s)

- Examples: Harry Potter vs. Voldemort, Luke vs. Darth Vader, Cinderella vs. Evil Stepsisters

Character vs. Nature

- Character v. Nature- An external struggle. A character is faced with a problem that is an element of nature;
  - Sea   Forests
  - Desert   Storms
  - Jungle   Earthquakes
  - Mountains   Volcanos
- Survival is the most common theme in novels with this conflict.
- Characters demonstrate creativity, bravery, resourcefulness, problem-solving and adaptation in order to survive.

Character vs. Society

- **Character v. Society-** An external struggle between a character and a social force or condition produced by society.

- Such as poverty, political revolution, set of values or rules set forth by society.

Character vs. Self

- **Character v. Self-** this is an internal struggle within a character, where aspects of his or her personality may struggle for dominance.

- These aspects may be emotional, intellectual, or moral