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Introductions & Conclusions

Hope Was Here & My Side of the Mountain

Sample Introduction:

Webster's dictionary defines conflict as a struggle between two entities. Conflict can arise when people disagree about ideas or decisions. Conflict, however, can also lead to tremendous growth for the people who endure it. In two novels, *Hope Was Here* and *My Side of the Mountain*, the main characters face their own conflicts. Hope Yancey struggles with her own identity as a girl without a real family. Sam Gribble is a young boy who feels burdened by his busy New York City lifestyle. These two characters take action to solve their problems and overcome them as the result of perseverance and open-mindedness.

Sample Conclusion:

Conflict occurs when two things are in opposition, but that same strife can make a person stronger. Hope was rewarded for her courage and bravery by being adopted by G.T. Stoop and her Aunt Addie. Sam learned that value of being close to his family. These characters were able to overcome their conflicts, and in the end, grew to be better individuals. Both characters teach readers that hope is all around, it just needs to be found.