

When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine

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When do world CONFLICTS affect us?



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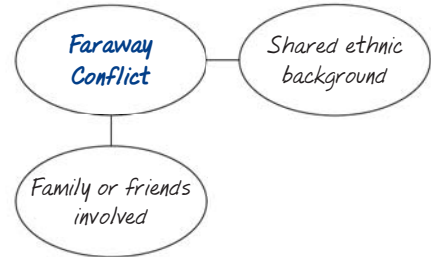
Literary Analysis

Benchmark LA.910.2.1.4 Identify and analyze universal themes and symbols across genres and historical periods, and explain their significance.

Benchmark LA.910.2.1.5 Analyze and develop an interpretation of a literary work by describing an author's use of literary elements (e.g., theme, point of view, characterization, setting, plot)...

KEY IDEA How do you respond when you learn about a **conflict** in a distant part of the world? For some, the matter is quickly forgotten in the rush to take care of everyday concerns. For others, however, a faraway conflict can become intensely personal. In the following selection, you will read about how a young girl tries to ease the worries of a man whose loved ones live in a war-torn country.

QUICKWRITE What causes a person to identify with people engaged in a faraway conflict? With a partner, add to the graphic organizer that is shown. Then write a short paragraph about how you've reacted to conflicts you've read about or seen on television.



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LOCAL NEWS

Conflict in Middle East drives up oil prices

WASHINGTON—Sources confirmed today that the cost of a barrel of oil will increase again due to the

