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	Internal Conflict	External Conflict
1. Who is directly involved with this conflict?		
2. What does the conflict concern?		
3. Why does this conflict exist?		
4. If the conflict is resolved, how is it resolved? If the conflict isn't resolved, why isn't it resolved?		
5. How does the resolution or nonresolution affect those directly involved?		

1. Choose an internal and an external conflict in this story that you wish to discuss. Then write notes to answer the questions in the boxes below. (8 points each)

Read over the questions and think about the characters and the sequence of events in the selection. Then answer each question in one or more sentences.

2. What do Leon and Ken ask Teofilo for after they perform traditional ceremonies?
3. What ceremonial elements are used at Teofilo's funeral?
4. What does Leon ask Father Paul to bring to the graveyard, and why?

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5. Why is Father Paul reluctant to do as Leon asks?
  
6. When Father Paul eventually responds to Leon's request, what is Leon's reaction?

## Answer Sheet

1. Notes will vary, depending on the conflicts that students choose to discuss. Model answers for Father Paul's internal conflict and for the external conflict between Father Paul and Leon follow.
  1. Internal: Father Paul  
External: Father Paul and Leon
  2. Internal: Concerns sprinkling holy water on Teofilo's grave  
External: Concerns the religious rites for Teofilo's burial
  3. Internal: Holy water isn't supposed to be used when the Last Rites haven't been administered. Father Paul wants to respect Teofilo's wishes, but he doesn't want to go against his own beliefs and his duties as a priest.  
External: Father Paul wants Teofilo to have Christian rites because Father Paul is a Christian; Leon wants Teofilo to have Laguna rites because Leon is a Laguna.
  4. Internal: The conflict is resolved when Father Paul decides to sprinkle holy water on the grave.  
External: The conflict isn't resolved because both men remain true to their faith. Instead, it becomes unimportant because Father Paul accepts the situation and Teofilo is buried.
  5. Internal: Father Paul becomes weary and saddened.  
External: Father Paul becomes weary and saddened; Leon feels happy and satisfied.
2. Teofilo is Leon's grandfather and the grandfather-in-law of Ken. The two men find him dead in an arroyo. They ask him to send rain.
3. Candles, medicine bags, and corn meal are used.
4. Leon asks Father Paul to bring holy water to the graveyard because Leon wants Teofilo to have plenty of water.
5. Possible responses: Father Paul considers the Last Rites and a funeral Mass necessary for a Christian burial. He is reluctant to sprinkle holy water because Teofilo did not have a Christian burial.
6. When Father Paul sprinkles holy water around Teofilo's grave, Leon feels good; he is happy that the holy water has been sprinkled to ensure that his grandfather will send rain.

**Standards Summary: All Standards In Test**

SAT 9 2.2.1	Specific Detail
SAT 9 2.3.1	Specific Detail
SAT 9 2.3.2	Action/Reason/Sequence
Terra Nova 1.1.1	identifying stated information
Terra Nova 2.2.3	character
Terra Nova 2.2	Identifying theme and story elements such as plot, climax, character and setting.