Discussion Questions for “Just Lather, That’s All,” by Hernando Téllez

Discuss these questions with your group.

1. Read the definition of conflict on this page. What kinds of conflict are there in this story?

2. Why does the barber feel that it would be wrong to let his customer go? On the other hand, why does he feel it would be wrong to kill him?

3. In the end, why do you think the barber does not kill Torres?

4. Do you think the barber made the right decision in the end? Why or why not?

Literary Term of the Day:

conflict

In literature, conflict describes a situation where there are two or more forces working against each other. There are several kinds of conflict:

- human vs. human
- human vs. nature
- human vs. society
- human vs. fate
- human vs. self