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Just A Bully

1.) The problem in the story is that a brother and sister were told by their parents to always stick up for one another no matter what. So one day on the playground, the brother sees a bully picking on his sister and decides to say something. The brother is now faced with a problem because instead of the bully continuing to pick on his sister, the bullying turns towards him and now he has to deal with the bullying every day. I would say this is a personal/intrapersonal conflict because the brother wanted to stick up for his sister and not let the bully continue to hurt people's feelings. It not only included him, but also his sister.

2.) The people that are involved in the conflict are the brother, sister and the bully. I would say that the brother's conflict style would be avoidance but the sister and bully have the style of competition. I think that both the bully and sister handled the situation wrong because they went with physical punishment instead of talking and working it out. And the brother shouldn't avoid things; he should work on his style so he is comfortable with talking it out with the other person.

3.) It started out by the brother sticking up for his sister and the bully pushing him. It quickly escalated when the bully kept pushing him and then knocking the project out of the brother's hands, grabbing his hair, and flicking rubber bands at him. What really made it start escalating is when the brother decided to tattle on the bully, this caused the bully to be more upset with the brother and cause more problems.

4.) The one part in the story that really stood out to me is when the brother stayed at home one day from school because he acted like he was sick so his mom allowed him to stay home. The other part is when his sister came home from school that day and told him to not be afraid of the bully anymore and give him a punch. I have felt like the sister before when I have witnessed someone bullying another person and just wanted to hurt them. I think if I was bullied like the brother, I would have probably felt the same way.

5.) The bully wants the brother to feel scared of him and I think just likes to hurt the brother's feelings. The sister really wants the bully to leave her brother alone and I think needs the satisfaction of showing the bully who is boss. The brother just wants to be left alone and not have any problems.

6.) One question I would like to ask sister is how she felt after standing up to the bully? I know it must have taken a lot of guts to do that especially after what she had seen the bully do to her brother, and still have the nerves to stand up to him in front of everyone on the bus.

7.) I would say that the bully and sister are similar in some ways because of the ways they handle certain situations. Even though they were handling them that way for different reasons, they still seem to have the same mentality and attitude towards the way they handle conflict. Whereas the brother would rather avoid the conflict and not have to face what is going on.

-Sister is courageous, risk-taker, reliable, sincere, and sticks up for what she thinks is right. Two problems are that maybe sometimes we are willing to stick our nose into situations where we should not be. Also, instead of handling conflict the right way and not acting the same way as the bully, we just want to get back at the person who hurt us or someone we care about.

8.) How will the sister be looked at and thought of at school now that she stood up to the bully in front of all those people on the bus?

-- I would say that the book definitely would work on the skills of "How to manage anger" and "How to look for alternatives". The bully and sister definitely should have learned a different way to deal with the situation and not chose to be physical with each other. Alternative ways to deal with anger could be used with the students in the classroom.