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Theme Analysis in “Both Sides of the Fence”

Directions: After reading and analyzing “Both Sides of the Fence,” go back to the story and find four places that help to show the theme “Appearance vs. Reality.” After you find four good spots that Best exhibit the theme, integrate your own words with quoted and cited information to prove the theme applies. Remember to use author and page number after your quotes.

Example: At the very beginning of the story, Alberto is described as a person who sees and holds himself as someone who is better than his neighbors. This is clear in both the narrator’s and Alberto’s words: “Each day Alberto would brag about his apple tree. ‘It bears the finest blossoms and the finest apples [and] that makes me the finest man in the pueblo’” (Bateman 1). Ironically, as the story develops Alberto is actually poorer than his neighbors because he lets his pride blind him from the truth and being a good and humble neighbor: the “Townsfolk shook their heads at his foolishness and left him to his pride” (1), a sad and unfortunate reality.

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