

Student Essay on "End of Something" Theme

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Essay

Ernest Hemmingway's "End of Something" shows that change, even when it must happen, is not always easy. Symbolically, this is shown by the mill town, which had exhausted itself with the exhaustion of trees, its resource, metaphoric for the worn out relationship of Marjorie and Nick. Another example Hemmingway uses to show the start of something new is the second growth timber. The second-growth timber shows that after much work, new things come when old are taken away, the essence of change. Finally, an example of change being hard, even when it must happen, is Nick breaking up with Marjorie. As Marjorie leaves Nick's fire, Bill enters it, showing the new relationship that started with the end of an old one. Although, Nick's line, "Oh, go away Bill, go away for a while," shows that change sometimes must be taken slowly, because it is often hard.

In conclusion, Ernest Hemmingway's "End of Something," doesn't only illustrate the end of something, but also the beginning of something new, showing that although one loses some things with change, they can always gain something new along with it, whether it comes in the form of an idea, something material, or the build of character.