

Essay Prompts on Limits of Tolerance

Tolerance is often portrayed as a virtue—but every virtue has its limits.

Choose a character who grapples with the boundaries of tolerance. How does the author use this character's journey to explore the ethical or personal cost of tolerance?

Can a society truly be tolerant if it tolerates the intolerant?

Using at least one literary text, analyze how the author addresses the paradox of tolerance. What commentary does the work offer on the consequences of unlimited tolerance?

Examine how an author uses conflict to illustrate the breaking point of tolerance.

How do characters respond when their tolerance is tested—morally, emotionally, or socially? What does this reveal about the author's message?