

Essay Prompts on Slavery

Compare and contrast the representation of slavery in two different literary works.

How do the authors use character, setting, and narrative voice to portray the institution of slavery?

Explore the psychological impact of slavery as depicted in literature.

How do enslaved characters internalize, resist, or survive the trauma of enslavement?

Discuss the role of memory and storytelling in preserving the history of slavery in literature.

How does personal or collective memory shape the narrative?

How do authors use symbolism and metaphor to represent the realities of slavery?

Choose one or more literary works and analyze how abstract concepts are used to communicate the physical and emotional toll of enslavement.