

## Essay Prompts on Ambition

### **The Nature of Ambition**

Analyze how ambition shapes the protagonist's journey. Does ambition lead to growth, corruption, or both?

### **Moral Boundaries of Ambition**

In a novel, play, or poem, examine the moral consequences of ambition. Does the text portray ambition as inherently dangerous, or is it the lack of moral restraint that corrupts it?

### **Ambition vs. Duty**

Explore a character torn between ambition and responsibility. How does the conflict shape their choices, and what does the resolution suggest about the author's message on personal aspiration?

### **The Tragic Dimension of Ambition**

Many tragic heroes fall because of unchecked ambition (e.g., Macbeth, Doctor Faustus). Choose one and analyze how their ambition drives the structure of the tragedy.