

## Essay Prompts on Meaning in Life

### **The Search for Purpose:**

Discuss how a protagonist in a work of literature confronts the question of life's meaning.

### **Suffering and Meaning:**

Explore how suffering contributes to or undermines a character's sense of life's meaning in a novel, play, or poem. Does the work ultimately suggest that suffering is meaningful or meaningless?

### **The Role of Relationships:**

Evaluate how interpersonal relationships—friendship, love, family—are portrayed as sources of meaning. How does this reflect or contrast with philosophical or cultural perspectives on purpose?