

Essay Prompts on Depression

Depression and moral conflict

How does a character's depression affect their moral decisions or ethical worldview?

Unreliable narrators and depression

Analyze how depression influences the reliability of narrators, shaping readers' perceptions of the story.

Symbolism and depression

Examine how authors use symbolism, imagery, or setting to convey the psychological weight of depression.

Language and tone in depicting depression

How does an author's choice of diction, sentence structure, or narrative style reflect depressive states?

Depression and societal critique

How do literary portrayals of depression critique social norms, class, or gender oppression?