

Essay Prompts on Holocaust

Memory and Testimony

How do survivor memoirs shape our understanding of Holocaust history in ways that historical documents alone cannot?

Identity and Dehumanization

How do Holocaust writers portray the destruction and preservation of identity under Nazi oppression?

Hope and Resistance

Despite overwhelming despair, some Holocaust narratives highlight acts of resistance or moments of hope. How do these moments function in survivor accounts or novels?

Who Has the Right to Tell the Story?

Discuss the debate over who can write Holocaust literature. Should only survivors tell these stories, or is there a role for later generations and novelists?

