

Essay Prompts on Self-Discovery

Masks and Truths

In what ways do characters hide behind masks (literal or figurative) before they can truly discover themselves?

Conflict as Catalyst

How do moments of conflict, struggle, or hardship in literature push characters toward self-discovery?

The Role of Relationships

To what extent do relationships with others (friends, mentors, lovers, family) shape a character's self-discovery?

Freedom and Selfhood

How does the search for freedom—whether social, emotional, or intellectual—become a path to self-discovery in literature?