

Essay Prompts on Repressive Conventions

Exploring Societal Constraints:

How do authors depict the tension between individual desires and societal expectations in their works?

Gender and Social Roles:

Examine how repressive conventions related to gender roles affect the lives of women in literature. How do authors critique or reinforce these norms?

Psychological Impact of Repression:

Analyze how repressive conventions influence the psychological development of characters. In what ways do these constraints lead to conflict or rebellion?

Tradition vs. Individual Freedom:

Discuss the conflict between tradition and personal freedom. How do repressive conventions serve as both a social glue and a source of personal suffering?