

## Essay Prompts on Racial Prejudice

### **The Origins of Racial Prejudice:**

Analyze how a specific literary work portrays the origins and societal reinforcement of racial prejudice. What factors (historical, cultural, personal) contribute to this prejudice, and how does the author critique it?

### **Characterization and Racial Stereotyping:**

Choose a character subjected to racial stereotyping. How does the author use this character to expose or challenge racist beliefs or institutions?

### **Racial Prejudice as a Barrier to Justice:**

Discuss how racial prejudice obstructs justice in a particular literary work. How are legal or moral systems depicted as complicit in racial discrimination?

### **Voice and Silence in the Face of Prejudice:**

Explore how characters respond to racial prejudice—through silence, protest, assimilation, or resistance. How does the author use these responses to comment on broader societal attitudes?

### **Symbolism and Racial Prejudice:**

How does an author use symbols or metaphors to represent racial prejudice and its effects on individuals or communities?