

## Essay Prompts on Unconventional Love

### **Love Beyond Romance**

Many works of literature depict forms of love that do not fit the traditional mold of romantic passion. Discuss how a chosen text presents unconventional bonds (e.g., platonic devotion, spiritual love, or obsessive attachment) and what this reveals about human connection.

### **Forbidden Desire**

Analyze a relationship in literature that is considered forbidden. How does the narrative frame this love—as liberating, destructive, redemptive, or tragic?

### **Unconventional Love as Resistance**

How do characters use unconventional forms of love to resist authority, tradition, or fate? Consider whether this resistance is successful or doomed.

### **The Cost of Unconventional Love**

In many texts, characters who pursue nontraditional love face consequences. Discuss the price characters pay—emotionally, socially, or physically—for their unconventional affections.