

Essay Prompts on Violence

The Psychological Impact of Violence:

Examine how a character in a literary work is psychologically affected by experiencing or committing violence. How does the author portray trauma, or guilt?

Violence as a Means of Resistance:

In some texts, violence is used as an act of rebellion or resistance. Analyze whether the violence is justified or critiqued by the author.

The Cycle of Violence:

Does the text suggest that violence creates more violence? How is this cycle initiated or broken, if at all?

Symbolic vs. Physical Violence:

Compare instances of physical violence and symbolic (emotional, psychological, or structural) violence. How do they interact, and which is portrayed as more damaging?