

Essay Prompts on Responsibility

Moral Responsibility

Discuss how a character's sense (or lack) of moral responsibility drives the plot in a work of literature. What does the author suggest about the consequences of shirking responsibility?

Collective vs. Individual Responsibility

In many works, responsibility is shared—or avoided—by a group. Explore how an author portrays the tension between personal duty and collective responsibility.

The Burden of Responsibility

Examine how a protagonist deals with the burden of responsibility thrust upon them. What does the text suggest about the costs of leadership or duty?

Responsibility and Freedom

Analyze the relationship between responsibility and freedom. Does true freedom require responsibility, or do the two stand in opposition?