

Essay Prompts on Crime

Moral and Psychological Dimensions of Crime

In many works of literature, crime is not just an act against the law but a moral or psychological transgression. Discuss how one or more characters struggle with guilt and justification after committing a crime.

Crime and Power

Consider how crime in literature is linked to power, ambition, and authority. How do authors show the relationship between personal ambition and moral decay?

Gender and Crime

Examine how women who commit or are accused of crimes are portrayed in literature. What does their treatment reveal about gender and social norms?

The Nature of Evil

In what ways do authors use crime to explore the nature of evil? Is evil an external force, a social construct, or an inner flaw?