

Essay Prompts on Coming of Age

Conflict and Growth

Explain how a central conflict (internal or external) pushes the protagonist toward maturity. Would the character have grown without this conflict?

Role of Mentors

Discuss how mentors, elders, or role models influence the protagonist's coming-of-age journey. What lessons are learned?

Social Inequality

Consider how race, class, gender, or social status shape the character's coming-of-age experience.

Moral Development

Explore how the character's understanding of right and wrong evolves throughout the story.