

Essay Prompts on Racism

Internalized Racism

Examine how a character internalizes racist beliefs about themselves or their community. What leads to this internalization, and how does the author critique it?

Resistance and Empowerment

Explore how characters resist racism. What forms does resistance take (e.g., quiet defiance, activism, education, storytelling)? How effective are these methods?

The Role of Silence and Complicity

Discuss the ways in which silence, bystanders, or passive characters help sustain racism.

Intersectionality (Race + Gender, Class, Identity)

Analyze how racism intersects with another form of oppression—such as sexism, classism, or immigration status—and influences a character's experiences.