

Essay Prompts on Illusion

Illusion as Social Critique

Discuss how illusions in literature expose the corruption, hypocrisy, or instability of a society.

Illusion as a Reflection of Desire

To what extent do illusions in literature reveal more about characters' deepest desires than their lived realities?

Narrative Illusion

Analyze how unreliable narrators create illusions for the reader. How does this shape interpretation?

The Ethics of Illusion

Explore when illusion becomes a moral failing and when it becomes a moral necessity in a literary work.