

## Essay Prompts on Coming-of-Age

### **“Growth Through Conflict”**

Discuss how a central conflict in a coming-of-age novel contributes to the protagonist’s development from adolescence to adulthood.

### **“Defining Identity”**

Analyze how the protagonist’s search for identity shapes the narrative arc of a coming-of-age story. What internal and external forces influence this journey?

### **“Loss of Innocence”**

Examine how the loss of innocence is portrayed in a coming-of-age novel. How does this loss signal a shift in the character’s perception of the world?

### **“Society and Self”**

How do societal expectations (e.g., family, gender roles, race, class) affect the protagonist’s coming-of-age process?