

## Essay Prompts on Slavery

### **The Psychological Impact of Slavery:**

Analyze how your book portrays the psychological trauma experienced by enslaved individuals. How does the author use narrative techniques to convey this trauma?

### **Resistance and Agency in Slave Narratives:**

Discuss how enslaved characters in literature assert their agency and resist oppression.

### **The Role of Memory and Storytelling:**

Examine how memory and oral storytelling function as acts of preservation and resistance in literature about slavery. How do these stories challenge dominant historical narratives?

### **Slavery and Dehumanization:**

Explore how literature depicts the process of dehumanization under slavery. How do authors illustrate the physical, emotional, and social effects of this dehumanization on enslaved people and slaveholders?

### **The Intersection of Gender and Slavery:**

Analyze the portrayal of enslaved women in literature. How do themes of gender and sexuality intersect with the experience of slavery.

### **Slavery and the Quest for Freedom:**

How do literary works explore the meaning and limits of freedom for enslaved people? Consider the differences between physical escape and spiritual or psychological freedom.