

## Essay Prompts on Idealism vs. Realism

### **Philosophies in Conflict**

Analyze how a specific work of literature depicts the tension between idealism and realism. How do the characters' worldviews affect their choices, relationships, and ultimate fates?

### **Moral Vision vs. Practical Survival**

In many works, idealists cling to moral or utopian visions, while realists accept the world's flaws. Explore how a text presents these two outlooks and whether it favors one over the other.

### **Idealism and Tragedy**

Examine a tragedy in which a character's idealism leads to downfall. Does the text present this as a noble sacrifice, a fatal flaw, or a naïve mistake?

### **Society's Demands vs. Individual Dreams**

Compare the pressures of societal realism with the individual's idealistic goals in a chosen work. How does the tension shape the story's themes?