

## Essay Prompts on Search for Meaning in Life

### **"In Search of Meaning: The Role of Suffering in Personal Growth"**

Explore how characters in literature find or fail to find meaning through suffering. How does pain shape their understanding of life's purpose?

### **"Meaning Through Relationships: Connection as a Source of Purpose"**

Examine how interpersonal relationships (family, friendship, romantic, or communal) contribute to a character's search for meaning in life.

### **"The Illusion of Meaning: Disillusionment and Nihilism in Literature"**

Analyze a literary work where characters confront the seeming absence of meaning. How does the author portray their journey into or out of nihilism?

### **"Is meaning in life discovered or created?"**

Analyze how a work of literature presents the idea of meaning — as something found externally or created internally.

### **"How does the pursuit of meaning conflict with societal expectations?"**

Discuss how a character's search for purpose is challenged or obstructed by social norms, roles, or expectations. Does the character conform, rebel, or find a middle path?