

## Essay Prompts on Racism

### **Intersectionality:**

Discuss how racism intersects with other forms of oppression (gender, class, religion) in a particular literary work.

### **Moral Responsibility:**

Evaluate how literature addresses the moral responsibility of bystanders to racism. Does the work suggest complicity or critique silence?

### **Racism and the American Dream:**

In American literature, how does racism complicate or challenge the notion of the “American Dream”?

### **Language and Representation:**

Examine how the use of language—dialect, narration, or internal monologue—reflects racial prejudice and systemic oppression in a work of literature.