

Essay Prompts on Peer Pressure

"The Influence of the Group"

Analyze how peer pressure shapes a character's decisions in a work of literature. Does the character conform, resist, or experience inner conflict?

"Conformity vs. Individuality"

Explore how a literary character struggles between staying true to themselves and conforming to the expectations of their peers. What is the outcome, and what message does the author convey?

"The Cost of Belonging"

In many stories, characters face pressure to fit in. Choose a character who sacrifices something important—values, relationships, or identity—due to peer pressure. Was it worth it? Why or why not?

"Peer Pressure as a Tool for Control"

Some authors depict peer pressure as a form of social control. Analyze how this dynamic operates in a novel or play. Who benefits from this pressure, and who suffers?