

Essay Prompts on Hope

General Literary Analysis

Is hope empowering or dangerous in the work you've read?

Analyze whether hope functions as a source of strength or as a form of self-deception.

Character-Focused Prompts

Analyze a moment when a character chooses hope against overwhelming evidence.

What does this reveal about the character and the author's worldview?

Setting & Historical Context

Explore how hope is shaped by historical or cultural context in a literary work.

Comparative & Thematic Prompts

Discuss how hope interacts with themes like freedom, justice, or love in a specific novel or play.