

Essay Prompts on Friendship

Friendship as Moral Transformation

Discuss how friendship becomes a force that morally transforms one of the characters. What values do the characters learn from one another, and how does this influence their development?

Societal Barriers and Forbidden Friendships

Analyze how friendships form and persist across societal boundaries—such as class, race, or political conflict. How does the author use these relationships to critique society?

Friendship vs. Duty

Consider the tension between friendship and duty. What happens when loyalty to a friend conflicts with personal or societal obligations?

Friendship and Coming of Age

Analyze how friendship shapes the coming-of-age journey for the protagonist(s). How do friendships help the characters navigate identity, belonging, or loss?

Unlikely or Nontraditional Friendships

Discuss how an unlikely friendship (between mismatched characters, species, or cultures) reveals deeper truths about empathy, trust, or survival.