

## Essay Prompts on Racism

### **Character and Identity**

Analyze how the author develops a character's racial identity and the impact of society's perception of race on that character's life.

### **Power, Oppression, and Social Structures**

Compare the treatment of different racial groups and analyze how the text critiques or perpetuates oppression.

### **Resistance, Activism, and Hope**

How do characters resist or challenge racism? What strategies are used to assert agency or fight oppression?

### **Reader and Author Perspective**

How might contemporary readers interpret the racial themes differently from readers at the time of publication?