# **Possible Essay Starters**

# <u>Generalizations –</u>

Many people believe in the future and what it entails. However, [ ]'s poem about the ills of the future cast a dim light on our futures. " " is a work that uses the symbols of ..... and ..... to depict a dismal future that no one would want to live for.

## <u>Stock Language –</u>

It is without question that a day without love is a day not worth lived. [ ]'s " begs the question of being able to live without love. Would the lovelorn survive without another's touch, kiss, or concern? [ ] allows readers to look at the differences a life without love could yield.

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<u>It is important to note</u> that in today's society one has the right to his opinion. However, one's opinion is only viable if one is heard. Sojourner Truth declares in her speech, "Aint I a Woman" that her opinion needs to be listened to and respected. She proclaims the importance of woman and why they should be acknowledged. <u>More importantly</u>, she changes the world by stating her opinion.

# <u>Starting with the work –</u>

[\_\_\_\_]'s <u>"</u> <u>"</u>defines the human condition. It delves into the reason why man believes he can play God and win. This work causes readers to conceptualize being in the role of the Creator versus the Creation. [\_\_\_\_] uses the ideas of self-actualization and realization to bring his ideas to fruition.

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[\_\_\_\_\_] 's work about the misuse of one's rights is trite by definition. " " not only defines sarcasm, but it personifies one's minute measures to stand up for oneself. The main characters try to be bold and Herculean; however, their weaknesses stand up more for themselves, than do the characters.

# <u>Lines or Quotes from the work -</u>

<u>Hall opens his work "my son, my executioner" which defines the theme – immortality.</u> Man's mortal flaw is discussed in the work, "My son, The executioner." Not only does one reflect on his humanity, but we are forced to view our children as the future and past of one's family. Hall disguises these aspects through his use of poignant simple sentences.

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#### <u>Questions –</u>

<u>Could a man love so much that he would want to kill the one he loves?</u> [ ]'s piece, " " shows the insane behavior man goes through to secure his loved one. Love causes many people to act irrationally, and this poem is a great example of the irrationality of love.

#### **Definitions** –

<u>Absolute power is simply defined as complete authority over another.</u> Eve Ensler seems to characterize this definition in her poem, "My Short Skirt." Readers will recognize that they possess absolute power over themselves and their lives, as opposed to giving over their control to someone else. Being one's own leader is heavily promoted in Ensler's work.

#### <u>Characters –</u>

<u>Clare Kendry</u> in Nella Larsen's <u>Passing</u> exemplifies man's futility to change one's place in life. Being born in one social class should determine one's outcome. Larsen's killing of this protagonist implies that one cannot run from one's past or social station. We should be content to remain stagnant on the social ladder of society.

#### <u>Idioms –</u>

"<u>Don't bite the hand that feeds you</u>" is a common adage that indicates one's gratitude to assistance. Someone should have shared this with Victor Frankenstein's Creature. After the gift of life was given to him, the Creature turned around and chomped off a bit of the hand that fed him; this is unacceptable. Frankenstein gives this Creature life and he does not appreciate this sentiment.

## Metaphors and other literary devices -

Let love live in the heart of the beholder! Even though on might be left holding the torch of love like Prometheus, a person in love should never give in to apathy. Unrequited love should not be a determiner in matters of the heart. True, stalking could become a problem, but everything pales in the light of love.

## <u> Historical/Stock Language –</u>

<u>From the 17<sup>th</sup> Century until today</u> man has relied on himself to survive in our society. However, [ ] believes that government needs to help out more in individual's lives. Man has fished and provided for himself and his family, while providing elements of a State. Because of this social protection, governance, food, and other elements of a community were formed. Now it is up to that particular government to move in and reciprocate this assistance; symbiosis is vital in society.

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