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### Portfolio Project: Prompt 16 – Five Paragraph Essay Outline

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**Prompt Overview:** The objective of this prompt is to prepare yourself to write a five paragraph essay about a work of literature you have read in the past by outline your response to one of four prompts.

**Directions:** Please read all information in this prompt prior to moving forward with your response. In the event you do not complete this activity, it is up to you to find time outside of class to meet the project requirements.

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**Prompt:** Please read the four possible essay topics below, and choose one of the selections to write a five paragraph essay about. Today's activity only requires you to outline your essay using the template that you have been provided. Please note, you may choose to type or handwrite your outline. You will type out your actual essay draft during our next portfolio time. The template you have been given [*Five Paragraph Essay Structuralizer*] is also available in the "helpful tools & links" section of the website.

Essay Topics:

1. Characters in literature make decisions that have consequences for themselves and others. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select one character that made a decision. In a well-developed essay, explain the decision that the character made and explain the consequences of that decision.
2. In literature as in life, courage is important. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select a character that is courageous. In a well- developed composition, identify that character and explain how that character's courage is important to the work of literature.
3. Works of literature often feature characters with the ability to inspire or lead others. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select a character with the ability to inspire or lead others. In a well-developed composition, identify the character, describe how the character inspires or leads others, and why this character's ability is significant to the meaning of the work of literature.
4. Honor can have different meanings for different people. Literature is full of characters that can be considered honorable. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select a character that is honorable. In a well-developed composition identify the character, describe what makes the character honorable, and explain why the character's honor is important to the work of literature.

**Email/Save Your Work:** Be sure to email a copy of your work to yourself, and save your work to your network file/flash drive to avoid lost documents. **There is no excuse for missing work!**

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