

1997 Prompt

Novels and plays often include scenes of weddings, funerals, parties, and other social occasions. Such scenes may reveal the values of the characters and the society in which they live. Select a novel or play that includes such a scene and, in a focused essay, discuss the contribution the scene makes to the meaning of the work as a whole. You may choose a work from the list below or another novel or play of literary merit.

Select a novel that includes such a scene. Write two or three claims about the significance of that scene. Do not summarize the plot; instead, discuss its relationship to a central idea in the text.