

**Write an introduction to this essay prompt. Within your introduction, highlight your thesis.**

### **2008 Form B Prompt**

**In some works of literature, childhood and adolescence are portrayed as times graced by innocence and a sense of wonder; in other works, they are depicted as times of tribulation and terror. Focusing on a single novel or play, explain how its representation of childhood or adolescence shapes the meaning of the work as a whole.**

**You may select a work from the list below or choose another appropriate novel or play of similar literary merit. Avoid mere plot summary.**