

## Write a thesis for the 2019 prompt

In his 2004 novel *Magic Seeds*, V. S. Naipaul writes: “It is wrong to have an ideal view of the world. That’s where the mischief starts. That’s where everything starts unravelling.” Either from your own reading or from the list below, choose a work of fiction in which a character holds an “ideal view of the world.”

Then, in a well-written essay, analyze how the author’s portrayal of this idealism and its positive or negative consequences contributes to an interpretation of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.