

Two choices -

1)- Write a full essay on a novel you read this year. It's good practice; we become better writers by writing.

2) - Outline an essay thinking through your line of reasoning. How does your essay show a progression of ideas? What evidence would you use for support?

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.

In your response, you should do the following:

- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.
- Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how the evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.