

# English 10 Semester One Final Essay Prompts

**Directions:** After reading through all of the following choices carefully, choose the ONE prompt you think you can answer best. For this prompt, write a five paragraph response the following: an intro paragraph that ends with a thesis, three body paragraph with two “chunks” (units of concrete detail and two sentences of commentary), and a brief concluding paragraph that connects the topic to life in general and/or Christian worldview. Please label the options you choose on your submitted paper. **You must submit this completed paper to the portal in turnitin.com no later than the end of your final testing period.**

## Comparing and Contrasting This Semester’s Works

1. In the reading of **Macbeth** as well as the poetry of the **English Romantics**, we can see that both Macbeth and Lady Macbeth and these poets are in pursuit of happiness. What does each believe will make them happy? Who do YOU think gets this right? (Note: for this prompt, respond to Macbeth and the work of TWO Romantic Poets, this will conveniently lead to three body paragraphs).
2. The **Romantic Poets** and **Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice** both provide a criticism of British societal rules and customs- pointing out injustices and practices they believe harm people. What flaws do they perceive in British society and what ideas do they present towards fixing these problems? (Note: for this prompt, respond to Pride and Prejudice and the work of TWO Romantic Poets, this will conveniently lead to three body paragraphs).
3. In many ways, **Macbeth** and **Pride and Prejudice** are texts about how marriages work. What truths does Macbeth teach us about marriage in terms of how husbands and wives express love and interact? Compare these to the truths Jane Austen conveys about the various marriages in Pride and Prejudice. (Note: for this prompt, respond to the marriage of the Macbeths and TWO marriages in Pride and Prejudice, this will conveniently lead to three body paragraphs).