**Character vs. Society Essay**

**What causes or motivates a person to challenge the values and beliefs of his/her society?**  Your assignment is to fully answer this question in a well developed and organized essay. You will need to compare multiple texts to give a full answer. You will need to think about the following questions to write your essay:

* + What did the characters in each text value and believe?
  + What did the different society’s value and believe?
  + Did the society’s values and beliefs harm anyone? Were they unfair to anyone?
  + Did the characters challenge society’s values and beliefs for their own benefit or for some other reason?
  + ***How*** did the characters challenge society’s values and beliefs?
  + ***Last but not least, what forces, events, emotions, people, values or beliefs motivated the characters to act?***

**You introduction must…**

* ***briefly*** summarize the texts. Since you will be writing about multiple text, the key word is ***brief.***
* Have a thesis/focus statement that clearly answers the question.

**The body of your essay…**

* + Must have three paragraphs.
  + Each paragraph must have a clear focus stated in the topic sentence.
  + Should have ***at least*** three quotes with page numbers. You should ideally aim for one quote a paragraph if possible.
  + Each body paragraph could focus on a different text or it could focus on a different reason people challenge their societies.

**You conclusion must…**

* + Briefly restate your thesis/focus statement and summarize your body paragraphs.
  + Have a “So What?” Broaden your thesis to the real world.