

## Essay Prompt

Choose one of the following questions and write a critical analysis essay on it.

1. How is revenge used in this novel? What motivates the characters who seek revenge? In what way do they succeed? What is the cost of revenge?
2. What is the function of the law and justice in the novel? Does the Count act within or without the law? Whose laws does he follow?
3. How do love and forgiveness work in the novel? Which characters embody these attributes most fully? Which characters appear opposite to these attributes? Why?
4. What is the function of money in the Count's and his enemies' stories? Is there a difference between the manner in which each comes into his fortune that identifies important characteristics in them? What does their use of money reveal about their character?