

A Beautiful Mind Essay Prompts

After viewing the movie *A Beautiful Mind*, answer one of the following prompts in a five-paragraph essay:

1. Do madness and genius appear often together?
2. Would John Nash not have been a genius without the schizophrenia?
3. In what ways were John's life and modern history related?
4. Should the state have the right to force schizophrenics into mental institutions in order to give them treatment?
5. How are the mentally ill treated in your culture?
6. Ultimately, was this film optimistic?

Guidelines:

- Be sure to take notes while watching the movie to use as evidence in your essay.
- Make sure you actually use evidence from the movie in your essay. You should use at least one piece of evidence in each body paragraph, and possibly more.
- Include a word count beneath your name.
- **Word Count.** This is a guideline only and DOES NOT guarantee you will earn that grade. It is only accurate **if you follow all the guidelines** to support your analysis. It also tells you how much you need to write to try and get the grade you want.

A = 700+

B = 600-699

C = 500-599

D = 400-499

F = 000-399