

**Where the Crawdads Sing Essay Prompts**

- Choose **ONE** of the following prompts below
- Write an organized, multiple-paragraph essay that demonstrates reflection, original insight, organization, coherence, style, and non-distracting grammar and punctuation.

1. **Themes** in *Where the Crawdads Sing* include belonging, abandonment, survival, trust, coming of age, family, and caring for others. There's a great deal to reflect on or to discuss as the story unfolds. In an essay, **analyze** Discuss the role of these themes in Kya's development from childhood to womanhood.
2. Compare and contrast Tate Walker and Chase Andrews, focusing on their attitudes towards nature, other people, and personal responsibility. In a well-organized essay, explain both how and why the full presentation of the character in the work makes us react the way we do towards them. Avoid plot summary.
3. In literary works, cruelty often functions as a crucial motivation or a major social or political factor. Such acts of cruelty are often important to the theme of the work. Using *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, write a well-developed essay analyzing how cruelty functions in the work as a whole and what the cruelty reveals about the perpetrator and/or victim. Do not merely summarize the plot.
4. The poet Rini Shibu (2017) wrote:

***“When you are in the midst of darkness  
Where loneliness engulfs your soul  
Twinges of hopelessness felt  
Chirping sound of the crickets heard”***

Using examples from *Where the Crawdad Sings* as support, you should defend or challenge Shibu's assertion in Mya's perspective.

	Points Possible	Points Earned
<b>Format</b> · Follows class guidelines (heading, margins, font, page numbers, title, double-spaced, neatness etc.)	10	
<b>Content</b> (6+1 Writing Traits) · Informative, · Intro/thesis reflects content, · Topic sentences in paragraphs support thesis, Paragraph coherence/smooth transitions, Effective introduction and conclusion, · Supporting details	70	
<b>Mechanics</b> · Consistent verb tense · Sentence variety, mature vocabulary, audience considered · Grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization · Consistent point of view	20	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	100	