Twelfth Night Essay Assignment

Choose from the prompts below and write a well-developed essay in response. Your essay will be graded holistically on organization, development, use of language, and MLA style and documentation.

From the AP Literature and Composition Exam 2016:

Many works of literature contain a character who intentionally deceives others. The character's dishonesty may be intended either to help or to hurt. Such a character, for example, may choose to mislead others for personal safety, to spare someone's feelings, or to carry out a crime.

Choose a novel or a play in which a character deceives others. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the motives for that character's deception and discuss how the deception contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

From the AP Literature and Composition Exam 2017:

Select a novel, play, or epic poem that features a character whose origins are unusual or mysterious. Then write an essay in which you analyze how these origins shape the character and that character's relationships, and how the origins contribute to the meaning of the work as a whole.