

# The Human Condition and the Search for Meaning

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Gifted English 10  
World Literature and Composition  
Unit 2



*"You say that life is suffering, but isn't it also complaining?"*

# Essential Questions

- What does it mean to be human?
- In the face of adversity, what causes some individuals to prevail while others fail?
- How do humans attempt to understand and explain the world in which they live?
- What is the meaning of life, and how does an individual's perception of that meaning affect beliefs regarding death?
- Are we governed/guided by fate, free will, a greater power, or do we fall somewhere on the spectrum between?
- How do we make decisions for ourselves about our identities in cultures where we are bombarded with other people trying to define us?





*"I should have bought more crap."*