**“Men of Stone” Writing Assignment**

Choose to write either an essay or a narrative exploring the topic of overcoming adversity:

**Essay Topic:**

The characters in the novel “Men of Stone” have all experienced hardships, and each character has a unique response to overcome adversity. What ideas does the author develop regarding the individual’s response to adversity? Support and develop your essay by providing specific supporting details from the novel.

**Narrative Topic:**

Develop a narrative that highlights the theme of overcoming adversity in one’s life. You may write about yourself or other people, real or fictional. You may set your writing in the past, present, or future.