

# English Assignment - Literature Analysis

Read the following excerpt and answer the questions below:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness..."

- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities

Questions:

1. What literary device is being used in this opening passage?
2. Explain the significance of the contrasting pairs in this excerpt.
3. How does this opening set the tone for the rest of the novel?
4. What historical period is being referenced?
5. Write a paragraph analyzing the author's purpose in using these contrasts.