**Thesis Development over “The Pedestrian”**

**Step 1**: Read the prompt.

**Prompt**: Writers often highlight the values of a culture or a society by using characters who are alienated from the culture or society because of gender, race, class, creed, or ideology. Using “The Pedestrian,” a story in which such a character plays a significant role, show how that character’s alienation reveals the surrounding society’s assumptions or moral values. Use evidence from the text to support your ideas.

**Step 2**: Determine what the prompt is asking you. On the following lines paraphrase the prompt:   
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**Step 3:**  Write a Thesis Statement. Include Author, Title, Type (Genre), and Time, as well as a complete answer to all parts of the prompt.

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**Step 4:** Write Assertions. (In an essay these would serve as your “topic” sentences.)

**Assertions should:**

* Be arguable (If I can’t disagree with it because it’s a fact, it’s not an assertion.)
* Be supported by text evidence (at least two separate examples).

**Assertion 1**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 5:** On the lines below, develop your strongest assertion into a body paragraph. Integrate textual evidence and support (an aspect of) your thesis.

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