Directions: In a well-crafted essay, explain how “nice guy” Robert Cohn exhibits destructive behavior when he ultimately recognizes that the illusions he’s tried so hard to cling to are not true. First, explain the illusions he clings to. Then, explain what happens to disillusion him and how his disillusionment is motivation for his destructive behavior. Finally, show how Cohn attempts to restore his illusions and his pre-war values and code of behavior.

Brainstorming side:

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| Robert Cohn’s illusions | Other characters’ words and actions that show Cohn that his illusions are not true | Ways Cohn’s disillusionment motivates his subsequent behavior | Cohn’s words and actions that are a result of/in response to his disillusionment | Cohn’s words and actions that show his attempt to restore his illusions and his pre-war value system |
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