



DEATH OF A SALESMAN

ACT I REVIEW

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Describe Willy Loman: Who is he? What does he do? What are some of his defining characteristics?
- Why won't Happy go out West with Biff, and why won't Biff stay? Why doesn't either son get married and settle down?
- How does Willy act towards the boys when they are young? How do they act towards him? What differences are there between his relationship with the boys when they are younger vs. when they are older?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does Willy's reaction to Biff's theft of the football tell us about Willy? He says that the boys look like Adonises. What other clues show that Willy believes in appearances?
- How does Willy feel about Charley and Bernard and why? How and why do they insult each other?
- Who is Ben? Why does Ben appear? What does Willy think about the future? About the past?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does Linda think is the trouble with Willy's life? Why is she angry at her sons? Why does she put the rubber hose back after she had taken it? What does this tell us about her?
- Why is Willy interested when Biff mentions Bill Oliver? Why do they argue? How does Happy try to capture attention?

JOURNAL ENTRY # 1

- Using the same format as before (minimum 1 page double-spaced), write a journal entry detailing your predictions for Act II. What will happen to Willy? Explain. Will he resolve his issues with his family? Why or why not?