

# *DEATH OF A SALESMAN*

Act II Review

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why is Willy's mood upbeat at the start of Act II? What does he expect to happen?
- What is Willy's impression of Bernard when he sees him in his father's office? Why does Willy exaggerate Biff's importance? Why does Bernard ask what happened after the Ebbets Field game?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why won't Willy work for Charley? Why is Willy able to ask Charley for money? How is Charley's view of what a salesman needs different from Willy's view?
- In the restaurant, how does Happy reflect Willy's values? Why does Miller have the girls come in?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Biff go to Boston? What does he discover when he sees “The Woman”? Why is it that Biff never went to summer school? Why can't he believe his father?
- Why does Willy keep planting seeds where they've never grown before? Why does Willy think Biff will be impressed with his funeral? Why does Ben say that Biff will call Willy a fool?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why doesn't Willy want to see Linda? Why does he think Biff is spiting him? Why does Biff show him the rubber hose? Why does Biff confront Willy and Happy?
- What does Biff do that elates Willy? How does Happy try to attract Willy's attention? How does Ben influence Willy at this point?
- Explain the irony of Linda's last speech.

## JOURNAL ENTRY #2

- For your second journal entry, write an obituary for Willy Loman that could appear in his town's newspaper. You might mention:
  - How he died
  - His family and friends
  - His successes (and perhaps failures)
  - Services that will be held in his honor