

11th Grade College Prep American Literature

Summer Reading Assignment 2018

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For your summer reading assignment, you will be reading two plays by Arthur Miller, *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman*. You do not need to use specific ISBNs. Any print versions will do. However, for *The Crucible*, make sure that you are using the play, NOT the screenplay. They are different.

For this assignment you will be compiling a collection of notecards from both plays that record specific quotes related to the **theme of SACRIFICE and the use of IRONY**. You will then be organizing these notecards based on a thesis statement which you will receive during the first week of class and will use the cards for your first paper assignment. The instructions for the notecards are listed below. **Your collection of notecards will be due the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SEPT. 4), regardless of which semester you have English class.** If you have any questions about the assignment, make sure to contact me sooner rather than later. The plays will not take long to read, however, in order to properly complete the assignment you may need a second read-through to pick out all of your quotes. **Cards submitted late will receive a deduction of one letter grade each day late. This assignment will count as a summative grade during the 1st MP.** It will also be used to complete your first paper assignment for class (which is another summative grade). So make sure to take it seriously.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You should record only ONE quote per notecard. However, that quote may be more than one sentence in length.
- On one side of the notecard record the quote verbatim as well as the page #.
- On the other side of the notecard, give a short note on the context of the quote. (What is going on in the play at that point? To what is the quote referring? Etc.)

SACRIFICE:

As you read, you are looking for examples of situations that illustrate the theme of SACRIFICE. Sacrifice can come in many forms, but in general it means: to surrender or give up, or permit injury or disadvantage to, for the sake of someone or something else. Look for examples of characters giving up something or being willing to suffer in some way for the benefit of others or some other cause. Both plays have numerous examples.

****You must document at least 4 specific examples of sacrifice from each play. And for each situation, you should have at least 3 quote cards that help illustrate/explain the character's sacrifice.**

IRONY:

You will also be looking for examples of Miller's use of IRONY in both plays. Irony can also come in various forms:

Dramatic Irony: readers know more about a situation or character in a story than the characters do

Situational Irony: a contrast between what is expected to happen and what actually happens

Verbal Irony: someone states one thing and means another

****You must document at least 3 examples of irony from each play. You only need 1 quote for each example, but make sure to thoroughly explain the context on the back of each one.**

****As you are completing the assignment, don't just stop documenting examples/quotes once you hit the minimum required. You want to make sure you have as much material to choose from as possible. Not all quotes/examples are created equal, and you don't want to have to go back and re-read for additional examples if your originals don't all work out.**

CITATION: Make your final two notecards your Work Cited cards. On these cards, write your Work Cited entry for each book. Use proper MLA format.