

Write a 3-4 page essay on one of the following topics relating to the text, *Death of a Salesman*. Be sure to include citations from the text to support your claims. Your essay must follow the following format:

- Double-spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12
- MLA set up with Work Cited Page
- Must be typed (You can come afterschool/English lab to type, please bring rough draft)
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- A. Discuss the importance of flashbacks in the play.
- B. Discuss the significance of the title, *Death of a Salesman*. How important is “selling” in the play?
- C. Discuss Arthur Miller’s use of motifs and symbols in *Death of a Salesman*.
- D. “He had all the wrong dreams. All, all wrong”. Discuss this quote in relation to Willy Loman’s character.
- E. Discuss the importance of dreams in *Death of a Salesman*. Discuss how dreams have impacted characters for the better and for the worse.
- F. What do you think Arthur Miller is trying to convey about ‘success’ and the American Dream in *Death of a Salesman*? Is he using the story of Willy to send a message to his readers? How so?
- G. Describe the significance of names in this play. How do Happy and Biff’s names contrast with or support their characters? Interpret the name “Loman.”
- H. How has Miller foreshadowing the death of Willy Loman throughout the play.
- I. Is Willy Loman a martyr? How do Linda’s and his sons’ interpretations of his death differ?
- J. How is Willy Loman a tragic hero? Given the characteristic traits of a tragic hero, develop an argument that supports Willy Loman as a tragic hero.

*Death of a Salesman Final Essay*

*Honors English 3*

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Title of your essay

In Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, the use of flashbacks play an important role in the development of.....