

Study Question for A Streetcar Named Desire

Scene 1

1. At what street address will you find the Kowalski's apartment?
2. What does Stanley like to do for entertainment?
3. Who owns the building where the Kowalski's live?
4. What does (did) Blanche do for a living?
5. What famous author does Blanche refer to when describing the building where her sister now lives? What does that reference tell us about the building?
6. How has Stella changed since Blanche last saw her?
7. How old was Stella when she left home?
8. What reservations does Blanche have about the sleeping arrangements?
9. What was Stanley's rank in the army?
10. How does Stella feel about her husband's absences?

11. What was life like for Blanche after Stella left Bell Reve?

12. Why can't they play poker at Mitch's house?

13. What does Stanley do when he first meets a woman?

14. What's Stanley's motto?

15. Why isn't Blanche married anymore?

16. What's the "Napoleonic Code"?

Study Questions for A streetcar Named Desire – Scene 2

1. Where are Stella and Blanche going for dinner? What's Stanley going to have? (What's wrong with this picture?)

2. What is Stanley's suspicion concerning Belle Reve?

3. If Blanche was not Stanley's sister-in-law, he'd be "getting ideas about [her]." What sort of ideas is he getting, and where are they coming from?

4. According to Blanche, "a woman's charm is _____."

5. What surprising news does Stanley tell Blanche at the end of scene 2?

Study Questions for A Streetcar Named Desire – Scenes 3 & 4

1. How's Stanley been doing at poker?
2. What is Blanche's initial opinion of Mitch?
3. Where did Mitch get his cigarette case?
4. What little lie does Blanche tell about Stella?
5. What did Blanche buy for the apartment on Bourbon Street?
6. What happens when Stanley "plays music critic"?
7. Why does Stella go upstairs to Eunice's place?
8. Who once turned the hose on Stanley? Why?
- 9*. How did Stanley turn out the lights on his wedding night?
10. How did that make Stella feel?
11. To what two things does Blanche compare Stanley?
12. How does Stella respond to Blanche's criticisms of Stanley?

Study Questions for A Streetcar Named Desire – Scenes 5, 6

1. Why is Eunice mad at her husband, Steve?
2. What month of the year is it in scene five? How long now has Blanche been living at Elysian Fields?
3. Who is “Shaw”, and what does he have to do with the Flamingo?
4. What happens that causes Blanche to scream? Is this an appropriate response?
5. Does Blanche want Mitch? Why, or why not?
6. What tip does Blanche give the paperboy?
7. Why is Mitch not sure if he should kiss Blanche or not?
8. Even though it’s quite warm, Mitch won’t take his coat off. Why not?
9. What was the finest gift that Mitch ever received?
10. What is “the Two-forty-first”?

11. What did Blanche think when she first saw Stanley?
12. How did Blanche's husband die?
13. What did Blanche "see" and "hear" that "disgusted" her?
14. What effect, do you suppose, did the whole incident have on Blanche?

Study Questions for A Streetcar Named Desire – Scenes 7,8

1. What's "the Flamingo"?
2. For whom was Blanche's house declared "out-of bounds"?
3. Why did Blanche lose her teaching job?
4. What has Stanley gotten Blanche for her birthday?
5. How does Stanley help with the kitchen chores?
6. Why won't the boys be doing their bowling at Riley's?
7. Where does Stella go at the end of scene eight?

Study Questions for A Streetcar Named Desire – Scenes 9, 10, 11

1. Blanche says she doesn't want realism. What does she want? What does she do to get it?
2. Blanche mentions "picking daisies". To what is she referring?
3. What's Stanley planning to do when he gets that call from the hospital?
4. Blanche threatens Stanley with a broken bottle. How does he respond?
5. "We've had this date with each other from the beginning," says Stanley. What date?
6. Blanche is getting ready to go on a trip. Where does she think she's going? (Where is she really going?)
7. Why doesn't Stella believe her sister?

8. How does Blanche imagine herself dying?

9. On what has Blanche always depended? Is that a good plan?