

Death of a Salesman

Pre-reading Activity

Death of a Salesman was written by Arthur Miller in 1949, and is set both in Yonkers, New York, and in New England during the same time period. Explore the setting in detail using the following topics. If you can think of other research topics similar to these, you may use them as well.

For full credit, complete at least two of the following topics for research:

- Political climate (What major conflicts was the U.S. involved in? Who was president and how did he approach these conflicts?)
- News Events (Which events appeared in the national news at this time?)
- Family infrastructure (What roles did men and women have in the home or in society? Were these roles the way they had always been or were they changing?)
- Economy (Consider comparing costs of familiar items [milk, gas, food, rent, etc.] to help put things in perspective. Was the U.S. economy healthy or not?)
- Style and Fashion (What were some types of clothing, hairstyles, prevalent during the time period?)

After researching the United States during the late 1940s and early 1950s, present your findings in one of the following formats:

- Recorded audio or video report
- Collage
- Newsletter
- Blog posting
- Google site

Upload your finished report to the activity page on Google Classroom.

References

Prestwick House Activity Pack. (n.d.). Retrieved May 1, 2020, from <http://url.cailab.net/ak>.