



## English IV Summer Reading Assignment

TEXT: ***Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller (ISBN# 978-0140481341)**

After reading the play, you will (1) write a response journal of 400 - 450 words. This will count as **2/3** of your grade for this assignment. (2) You will create an American Dream Poster/Collage. This will count as **1/3** of the grade for this project. The response journal will be submitted to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) by **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** and the poster will be brought to class on **Wednesday, 8/10, or Thursday, 8/19**, depending upon your schedule.

**RESPONSE JOURNAL:** The quest for the American Dream, and the nature of that Dream, is a theme in numerous works of literature. In a response journal of 400 - 450 words, discuss the development of this theme in *Death of a Salesman*. In particular, examine Willy Loman's version of the American Dream, his attempts to attain it, and what his death reveals about the nature of his quest.

**Guidelines for response journal:**

- **MLA format – heading, spacing, etc.**
- **Grammar and spelling rules apply**
- **Begin your journal with a properly formatted thesis statement**
- **Must have a least 6 integrated quotes from the text to support your assertions (Miller )**
- **DO NOT INCLUDE PLOT SUMMARY**
- **No first or second person pronouns**
- **Use only literary present tense**

**American Dream Poster/Collage** from Elizabeth Davis

The following assignment will be placed on the wall in my room until the end of the year. Make sure you demonstrate both creativity and effort so that your project is “wall-worthy”.

You will develop a collage that represents what the American Dream means to you. Your collage must include:

1. Images and text that cover the entire surface of an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper.
2. A photo of yourself (current or older) and your name prominently displayed.
3. A quotation from *Death of a Salesman* that represents the American Dream (identify the speaker)
4. Your own quotation that represents your thoughts of the American Dream
5. Additional images (magazine cuttings, personal photos, drawings) that illustrate your idea of the dream

**Rubric:**

___/20	Collage is legible, neat, artistic, and detailed
___/20	Personal photo is appropriate and you are recognizable
___/20	Quotation from the play is meaningful and well-chosen; speaker identified
___/20	Personal quotation is thoughtful, insightful, and grammatically sound
___/20	Additional images are diverse and meaningful

**Enrolling in a Class:**

1. Log into Turnitin with a student user profile
2. Click on the enroll in a class tab on the student homepage – English IV 2021
3. Enter the class ID and enrollment key for the new class – **Key: roeder/ID: 29215306**
4. Click submit to enroll in the class and add it to the student user homepage

**It is expected that all students will work on these assignments individually throughout the course of the summer. While discussion of the texts is encouraged, any evidence in either the texts or the journals of collaborative efforts will result in a grade of zero for that assignment.**