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Essay from the year 2006 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 10 (A), University of Bucharest (Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures), course: English Literature, 6 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: My paper deals with the exploration of the American dream for a wealthy, comfortable and successful life and the failure in achieving it, as reflected in the Requiem of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman, taking into account the traits of Social Realism that the play meets. In this respect, Willy Loman represents the archetype of man obsessed with material gains and madly engaged in a pursuit for success, but who eventually ends up tragically, as a victim of his own delusions of grandeur.

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**A Study Guide for Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman** GRIN Verlag

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Death of a Salesman has been called the quintessential American play , and Arthur Miller remains above all the creator of Willy Loman and his tormented family. Half a century after its epochal

premiere on Broadway the play is constantly revived in the USA and all over the world, including China. It has been made into several cinema and television films, and audiences are still deeply moved by this poignant American tragedy that manages to present all the contradictions and the beauty of the American Dream. Using colloquial American English, Miller has written not only a great play a world classic , but also a vibrant poetic tribute to his country. In his own words, Death of a Salesman is really, a love story between a man and his son, and... between both of them and America . The author of the present essay explores the various facets on the drama. Taking into account most of what has been written on Miller's masterpiece, he advances his own theories about a play he has taught in French and American universities for over twenty years.

*Death of a Salesman, by Arthur Miller* Cambridge University Press

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*Death of a Salesman* Reclam Verlag

Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman, the third volume in the Dialogue series, covers six major and controversial topics dealing with Miller's classic play. The topics include feminism and the role of women in the drama, the American Dream, business and capitalism, the significance of technology, the legacy that Willy leaves to Biff, and Miller's use of symbolism. The authors of the essays include prominent Arthur Miller scholars such as Terry Otten and the late Steven Centola as well as young, emerging scholars. Some of the essays, particularly the ones written by the emerging scholars, tend to employ literary theory while the ones by the established scholars tend to illustrate the strengths of traditional criticism by interpreting the text closely. It is fascinating to see how scholars at different stages of their academic careers approach a given topic from distinct perspectives and sometimes diverse methodologies. The essays offer insightful and provocative readings of Death of a Salesman in a collection that will prove quite useful to scholars and students of Miller's most famous play.

**Death of a Salesman** Research & Education Assoc.

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*The Cambridge Companion to Arthur Miller* Didier-Erudition

Literature Review from the year 2006 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, course: Einführung in die englische Literatur, 3 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Analysis of the passage in the text (Penguin: page 25, "Willy: Bernard is not well liked, is he?" – page 27, "Willy: "What do we owe?") This passage from the first act of Arthur Miller's drama "Death of a Salesman" displays one of the numerous flashbacks of Willy Loman, who represents the main character and moreover a complex round character. With this reflection of the past the reader or spectator is able to share in Willy's and his former family life; a family life that is harmonious, easy, joyful or simply all in all perfect. For Willy this ideal world is very important as ideals are in general. He places special value on a good image, which can be seen in the very first question of the passage "Bernard is not well liked, is he?" , which he addresses to his sons Biff and Happy. With the simile "you're both built like Adonoises"1, which Willy is thankful for and moreover very proud of, and the statement that his sons "are going to be five times ahead of [Bernard]"1 because of their appearance, it becomes clear that he is of the opinion that attractiveness which results in "personal interest"1 and popularity is the only way to become big in business - which is pretty unrealistic already because good grades are necessary to enrol in college, and contents taught in college are in the majority of cases necessary to become big in business. It is furthermore visible that Willy builds his hopes on Biff and Happy. For them he is a role model and he seems really confident of being a good one: "Be liked and you will never want. You take me, for instance. I never have to wait in line [...]." He is also sure of the fact that he is well known and welcome everywhere he goes which is indicated by the following statement "'Willy Loman is here!' That's all they have to know [...]." Another pleasure in Willy's life

is to share his work with his sons by telling them stories about it. He then tends to exaggerate, as it is seen in his self-praise-hyperbole "knocked 'em cold in Providence, slaughtered 'em in Boston."3, in order to bring his business success near to them.

*Who Killed Willy Loman? An Investigation into Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman"* Penguin Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2.0, University of Paderborn, language: English, abstract: He wants to live on through something - and in his case, his masterpiece is his son. I think all of us want that, and it gets more poignant as we get more anonymous in this world. This quote, said by the author of *Death of a Salesman* Arthur Miller in 1984, provides just a slight insight into the father-son relationship of Willy and Biff Loman which I will analyze in the present term paper in depth. Moreover, I will have a closer look at the Loman family and how they interact. Firstly, the author will be briefly introduced and the background and the reasons for writing the play are pointed out. Furthermore I will give an overview of the drama and its structure and formal aspects. After this my attention will be directed on the Loman family and I will initially focus on its members and characterize them. Then I will analyze how the relationship between Willy and Biff has developed and why it fails during the play. Finally, I will give a conclusion which will sum up the most important findings which I figured out during my analysis. *Arthur Miller: Death of a Salesman* Death of a Salesman Certain Private Conversations in Two Acts and a Requiem

Seminar paper from the year 2003 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Freiburg (Englisches Seminar), 8 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: When Willy Loman is heard racing off with his car at the end of Arthur Miller's play *Death of a Salesman*, nobody doubts why he is doing so. He wrecks his car and kills himself to leave his family 20,000 dollars insurance money. Willy Loman is a suicide. And yet every viewer of the play will ask himself: Who or what killed this man. What are the forces that pushed him towards this somber end? The fact that Arthur Miller pursues genuine moral education in his plays, which he has repeatedly admitted to (for example in "The Salesman Has a Birthday") justifies this question. For how one answers it decides what kind of message one distills from the play. In this paper, I will not focus on a possible moral message of the play. Instead, I will try to collect hints at who or what might be responsible for Willy Loman's death. As I am not the first to engage in this matter, I will be able to present the viewpoints of different critics, and to compare them. It seems to be a characteristic of *Death of a Salesman* that many reasons can be named for its catastrophic ending - its discussion has been very controversial. In consequence, one difficulty of my investigation will be to take into account also the play's subtleties in order to value each critic's standpoint properly. It has repeatedly been criticized that Arthur Miller makes use of fuzzy logic in his play. On the one hand, one can see obvious traits of social criticism in *Death of a Salesman*, on the other hand Miller presents two characters - Charley and Bernard - that succeed in a capitalistic world without acting unfair. Miller condemns a social order ruled by wealth while approving of the right way to live in it. This conflict demonstrates that Miller's play is offering explanations of Willy Loman's failure that are based on social criticism as well as explanations that are psychologically motivated. This division marks the two directions criticism has been following through the years. For that reason, I will divide my inquiry into two sections: Cultural Reasons and Psychological Reasons. Whenever necessary, the two domains will be cross-linked in order to form a synthesis. When verifying quotations from *Death of a Salesman*, I will use plain numbers in brackets, such as (2031). *Text and Criticism* GRIN Verlag

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*Death of a Salesman: Certain Private Conversations in Two Acts and a Requiem*. EinFach Englisch Textausgaben Salem Press Inc

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, Ruhr-University of Bochum (Anglistik und Amerikanistik), course: American Drama, language: English, abstract: This paper deals with the familiar circumstances of the Loman family in Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman". Right from the beginning, the reader is confronted with a see-saw of love and hate between the family members. The aim of this paper is to make it easier to understand the characters and their behaviour as well as to analyse the relationships between them. The distinctive humanity of the characters supports the reader's opportunity of putting himself or herself in the position of these characters. Finally, the result will show that there is more love than hate and that most of the hate is the hate that the characters have for themselves.

**Recension of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman"** GRIN Verlag

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ABOUT THE BOOK "A diamond is hard and rough to the touch." - Ben Loman, *Death of a Salesman* Why is Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* still relevant today? Perhaps this simple question begs the question "IS it still relevant?" To any who ask this, the simple answer is an admonition to read the play. Or see it staged. Or watch any of the myriad cinematic adaptations. (Dustin Hoffman's portrayal of Willy Loman is arguably a gold standard performance. There are many fine renditions of the role, but the best is surely the one conjured in a careful reader's mind.) Before we delve too deeply into the lasting meaning of this play and the still poignant struggles of its characters, let us discuss something held so directly before our faces that we may well look through it and never recognize its paramount importance: the play's name. Arthur Miller titled his play -- his first real success -- not simply *Death of a Salesman* but added the sub-title *Certain private conversations in two acts and a requiem*. Indeed, death hangs heavy here. The title makes it clear and the word *requiem* makes it tangible. But let us look, briefly, at the title in surgical detail. Why not "The" *Death of a Salesman*? Or why not *Death of THE salesman*? These simple words, these direct object identifiers, would change Willy Loman from the everyman to the man. The genius of Arthur Miller is that Loman manages to be both an everyman and a "real" person -- a character we believe existed, with all his faults, his ticks, his occasional smiles, and his undeniable, unbearable descent. This is the story of one man and his family as his life circles the drain, the lives of all those who touch his -- an ever smaller circle of people -- following not far behind. It is a story of neurosis and denial, of failure and suffering and of a falsified, gilded past in which the broken characters try to find happiness and solace. Well, that sounds rather bleak. So why is this such a resonant, potent, and beloved play? Perhaps because it tells a story we all know, and tells it so well. Perhaps it is because as we watch the ever descending arc that is the lives of Willy, Linda, Biff, and Happy Loman, we are made to whisper under our breath "Yes... and there but for the grace of god go I." Or maybe it is simply because Arthur Miller was such a fine playwright that he could likely have made a three act about pipe fitting enthralling to all. We shall see as we head deeper into the meat of the play; farther down into the minds -- and psychoses -- of the players. But first, who wrought this jewel? "And I looked at the pen and I thought, what the hell am I grabbing this for? EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK The curtain opens on a small house, several of its walls "removed" so we can see inside it. The lights gradually change to reveal that the house, once quaint and on a lovely spread of land, is now falling apart and is surrounded by tall, drab apartment buildings. The home's decline mimics that of the head of household, Willy Loman, a man in his 60s and very, very tired. Loman enters late at night, carrying his heavy valises -- the tools of the trade of a salesman in the 1940s -- and shuffling his tired feet. He is greeted by his wife Linda, a kind, patient but sad woman. The couple talk at length and Willy reveals that he could not complete his trip, intended to take him from their home in New York up to Boston, and has sold nothing that day. He could not complete the trip because his tired mind kept wandering into memories of the past and he found the car drifting about the road, following his meandering thoughts. Loman even thinks he was driving a car the family has not owned for years. He is a man whose best years are past; whose very mind is fading... ..buy the book to continue reading!

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Arthur Miller was one of the most important American playwrights and political and cultural figures of the 20th century. Both *Death of a Salesman* and *The Crucible* stand out as his major works: the former is always in performance somewhere in the world and the latter is Miller's most produced play. As major modern American dramas, they are the subject of a huge amount of criticism which can be daunting for students approaching the plays for the first time. This Reader's Guide introduces the major critical debates surrounding the plays and discusses their unique production histories, initial theatre reviews and later adaptations. The main trends of critical inquiry and scholars who have purported them are examined, as are the views of Miller himself, a prolific self-critic.

**Death of a Salesman** Macmillan Higher Education

Essay from the year 2016 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 94, LCC International University, course: Introduction to Literature, language: English, abstract: Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" is a realistic drama consisting of two Acts and a Requiem. It was written in 1949. The play brightly depicts the main character Willie Loman as a person having a wide-spread unreachable "American dream" - the idea that dominates in people's minds as a symbol of success and happiness. Miller said: "...a lot of people give a lot of their lives to a company or even the government, and when they are no longer needed, when they are used up, they're tossed aside...Willie Loman's situation is even more common now than it was then [1949]. A lot of people are eliminated earlier from the productive life in this society than they used to be" (Mays, 2010, p. 1736). Willie represents the one who tried to fulfill this dream to be a salesman and failed being "eliminated from productive life". Even being old and having wife Linda and two adult sons Biff and Happy, Willie willfully continues going against himself. The plot combines present actions and flashbacks - as a reality and illusion, which is one of the main themes of "Death of a Salesman". Willie betrayed his real wishes and life path, and, although he is responsible for failing his self-realization in life, his environment as well as his wife's and sons' influence contributed to the elimination of real dreams to the same extent as he himself did.