

Death of a Salesman – The American Dream

- “Biff Loman is lost. In the greatest country in the world a young man with such – personal attractiveness, gets lost. And such a hard worker. [...] He could be big in no time.” (9)
hard work leads to immediate success
- “The competition is maddening!” (10)
competition
- “Like Thomas Edison; I think. Or B. F. Goodrich.” (10)
examples of very successful people who represent the American Dream here
- “always have to get ahead of the next fella” (13)
competition
- “America is full of beautiful towns and fine, upstanding people. [...] there’ll be open sesame for all of us” (21)
opportunity
- out in the business world [...] you are going to be five times ahead of [Bernard]” (22)
competition
- “Ben! That man was a genius, that man was success incarnate” (28)
success
- “Walked into the jungle, and comes out, the age of twenty-one, and he’s rich!” (28)
rich, successful
- “The world is an oyster, but you don’t crack it open on a mattress!” (28)
hard work
- “Opportunity is tremendous in Alaska” (31)
opportunity
- “LINDA: Africa! WILLY: The Gold Coast! BEN: Principally Diamond mines.” (33)
riches
- “BEN: Never fight fair with a stranger, boy. You’ll never get out of the jungle that way.” (34)
competition
- “Business is bad, it’s murderous.” (36)
competition
- “Screw the business world.” (43)
competition

- “If he’d’ve stayed with Oliver he’d be on top by now!” (43)
opportunity, missed!