

# Death of a Salesman - Act II

## Written assignment.

Pick one of the following quotations or short passages and write a paragraph of reasonable length about it (a minimum of ten sentences).

1. Give the context.
2. Explain its importance with regard to the main topics of the play (e.g. the American dream or the father-son conflict).
3. Add further quotations to support your argument.

WILLY (*passing the apron*). Maybe beets would grow out there.

LINDA (*laughing*). But you tried so many times.

(p. 79, l. 26-8)

LINDA (*To Willy, while Ben laughs*). Why must everybody conquer the world?

(p. 91, l. 20-1)

BEN. There's a new continent at your doorstep, William. You could walk out rich. Rich!

(p. 93, l. 3-4)

WILLY. Oh, Ben, how did you do it? What is the answer?

(p. 90, l. 19)

BERNARD. What is it, Willy?

WILLY (*small and alone*). What – what's the secret?

(p. 98, l. 25-6)

WILLY. Did I hear your wife had a boy?

BERNARD. That's right. Our second.

WILLY. Two boys! What do you know!

(p. 98, l. 8-11)