

11th & 12th Grade Interdisciplinary Summer Project: Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Options of ways to access the novels: Homestead Cybrarium, Hoopla website: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>, Library, Purchase from school- First come first serve, Purchase book from book store- Barnes and Nobles, Amazon, etc.

Due Date	August 13-14, 2026			
Theme	"The American Dream: Wealth, Identity, and the Illusion of Happiness"			
Essential Question	Does achieving wealth and success guarantee happiness and fulfillment?			
Project Overview	Students will explore how family dynamics, personal ambition, and societal expectations contribute to conflict and shape the characters' identities. Students will use textual evidence to support their analysis of key themes such as success, failure, illusion versus reality, identity, and the American Dream.			
Subjects Integrated	ELA	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Learning Objectives	Students will write a well-organized 4-5 paragraph essay using textual evidence to support analysis of characters, themes, and conflicts in the play.	I can calculate the slope of a linear relationship, write an equation in slope-intercept form, and use the equation to make predictions in a real-world context.	Identity, Behavior, and the American Dream	Historical research, Economic understanding, Civic analysis, and Connecting literature to history.
Activity	Write 4-5 Paragraphs In Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller examines the pressures of success, family expectations, identity, and the pursuit of the American Dream through the struggles of Willy Loman. As Willy attempts to achieve success and provide for his family, the play reveals how ambition, pride, and society's definition of achievement can affect a person's happiness, self-worth, and relationships.	In Death of a Salesman, Willy Loman believes that success and wealth will bring happiness. Use linear equations to model income, debt, expenses, and financial growth to determine whether Willy's goals were realistic. Directions: -Let x represent months. -Write the ordered pairs: (0, 2000) (10, 4500) Find the slope. -Write the equation in slope-intercept form. $y=mx+b$ -Use the equation to determine: Debt after 5 months Debt after 12 months Reflection: How does Willy's increasing debt affect his view of success and happiness?	Students will complete a summer science project based on The Death of a Salesman by using textual evidence to explain how family, ambition, and society shape identity and behavior. They will connect themes like success, failure, illusion vs reality, and the American Dream to basic ideas in psychology and social behavior. The final work will be a short poster or journal.	Create an information poster on The Great Depression. Include the following: At least 3 historical facts Images, advertisements, or primary sources Connection between history and the play

Final Authentic Product must be hand written and be presented on August 13th/14th, 2026.

Rubric				
Category	4 – Excellent	3 – Good	2 – Developing	1 – Beginning
ELA	Strong literary analysis with evidence	Clear explanation	Limited evidence	Incomplete
Math	Accurate financial calculations and analysis	Mostly accurate	Some errors	Incomplete
Social Studies	Strong historical and economic research	Good information	Limited details	Incomplete
Science	Accurate scientific explanations	Mostly accurate	Some inaccuracies	Incomplete
Presentation	Creative, organized, polished	Organized	Some organization	Difficult to follow