

Willy's Dilemma Answer Key

Teacher's Guide - You may use this planning organizer below to assist your students in crafting their essay:

1. **Thesis Statement:** Write your clear position (noble or misguided).
 - Example starter: "Willy's pursuit of success was ____ because..."
2. **Evidence Collection:** Include at least two or more pieces of text evidence, and be able to explain how they support your argument.
3. **Counterpoint (Optional):** What might the other side argue? How would you respond?
4. **Essay Drafting:** Take note of the structure below.
 - Intro with thesis
 - Body paragraphs with text evidence
 - Conclusion with final judgment

Sample Thesis Statements:

- *Misguided Side:* "Willy's pursuit of success was misguided because he clung to false ideas about popularity and wealth, ignoring reality and destroying his family in the process."

Sample Evidence & Analysis:

- *Quote:* "Be liked and you will never want."
 - Shows Willy equates charm with success.
 - Supports *misguided* argument: he values image over hard work.
- *Quote:* "Nothing's planted. I don't have a thing in the ground."
 - Shows futility of his life's efforts.
 - Supports *misguided* argument: his dreams yield nothing real.