

Quoted Themes Answer Key

American Dream

- F. Willy's belief in being well-liked as the key to success.
- B. Willy's desperate insistence on personal importance.
- C. Biff's realization that Willy's dream was misguided.

Betrayal

- A. Biff's angry confrontation about Willy's affair.
- D. Biff's feeling of being forced into a life that betrays his true self.

Illusion vs. Reality

- B. Willy's inflated view of himself and Biff.
- C. Biff's harsh truth about Willy's dreams.
- G. Willy clinging to unrealistic notions of permanence and stability.

Family Loyalty

- E. Willy's dependence on Linda for support.
- H. Linda's plea for dignity and recognition of Willy's struggle.

Notes for Teachers:

- Some quotes (like B and C) could reasonably be argued for more than one theme, and that's fine; students should justify their reasoning.
- The activity encourages critical thinking about how dialogue carries theme in drama.