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Salesman's Symbols

Directions: Symbols in literature are objects, actions, or sounds that carry deeper meaning beyond their literal use. In *Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller uses everyday items to reflect Willy Loman's struggles and dreams. In the boxes below are three central symbols: **Seeds, Stockings, and the Flute**. Complete the tasks for each:

- Write what the symbol **literally is** in the play.
- Identify what the symbol **represents** (its deeper meaning).
- Provide a **quote or scene** that shows the symbol in action.
- Explain how this symbol connects to Willy's life and the play's themes.

SEEDS

1. Literal Object/Action: _____

2. What it represents: _____

3. Quote/Scene: _____

4. Explanation: _____

STOCKINGS

1. Literal Object/Action: _____

2. What it represents: _____

3. Quote/Scene: _____

4. Explanation: _____

FLUTE

1. Literal Object/Action: _____

2. What it represents: _____

3. Quote/Scene: _____

4. Explanation: _____