

Thesis Generator

Name _____

Topic: Compare Death of a Salesman and The Crucible. Find a common theme that connects both texts and explain why it is important to us today. Give examples from both texts and discuss a claim that Arthur Miller is making through both texts.

Example:

Identify the <i>SUBJECT</i> of your paper.	Willy Loman from <u>Death of a Salesman</u> and John Proctor from <u>The Crucible</u> are similar characters.
Turn your subject into a guiding question.	In what ways are they similar? And why?
Answer your question with a statement.	They are similar in their positions in life, in the mistakes they make, in their actions at the end, and in the reasons they do these things.
Refine this statement into a working thesis.	These characters are similar because they are both tragic heroes. Arthur Miller is making a point about...

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Evidence Generator

Using the two texts we have discussed, find, organize, and analyze evidence from the texts to support your thesis.

What They Do or Say (quotations or examples)	What It Means (interpretation)	Why It's Important (Discussion and Analysis)

Write your thesis:

Make sure your thesis explains what the theme is in both stories and explains how this theme is shown. Your thesis should be an interesting, complex sentence that explicitly states the author's message, the theme, and how it is portrayed.

Message: _____

Theme: _____

How it is portrayed: _____

Thesis: _____

In Death of a Salesman and The Crucible, Arthur Miller is saying _____ . Through the actions of _____ and _____, Miller shows us that _____ .