Rationale

I chose to focus on the *Death of a Salesman* simply because I believe that if taught creatively students can gain so much from this play. I also feel that this text allows students in particular to make personal connections relating to their goals and dreams in life. The play is the story of a man and his family who’s desire is to live a happy life and be financially stable—essentially the American dream. This text is often taught in a high school level 10th and 11th grade English classrooms. At a high school level, the theme of choice and that of accomplishing one’s dreams is one to suit high school students in particular because of their opportunities the can have fulfill them. This play also emphasizes the importance of relationships and family life. *Death of a Salesman* is also a play that I personally enjoy which allows me to explore different ways to approach the teaching of this text as to engage my students in the learning of it.