**Possible Discussion Questions**

*For “Death of a Salesman”*

*Choose 3-5 to discuss*

1. Consider Willy’s idea of success. Is his deﬁnition of success realistic or unrealistic? Does Willy Loman achieve the American Dream, or does the American Dream fail him? Explain.
2. Why does Willy commit suicide? Is this a positive or negative act? Explain
3. “The only thing you got in this world is what you can sell. And the funny thing is that you’re a salesman, and you don’t know that” (p. 75). Despite Charley’s mockery, Willy does in fact spend much of his life trying to sell something: the idea of his own success. Why?....does he accomplish this?
4. The play is often described as a tragedy. Is Willy a tragic hero? If so, what might his tragic ﬂaw be?
5. Arthur Miller has long been criticized for his portrayal of women. How do gender roles play a role in the play? Discuss
6. Who is to blame for Willy’s destruction? Discuss
7. Discuss the significance of Willy’s being a younger son with an absent father.
8. How is Willy’s killing himself for the insurance money symptomatic of the way he has lived? What legacy does Willy leave his family?
9. Why does Miller let us know in the title that Willy’s death is coming? Why doesn’t he make it a surprise? Is Willy’s death in a car more or less appropriate than a suicide using the rubber hose on the water heater would be? Why? What harm does Willy’s death do? What good?
10. Biff Loman has a problem communicating with his father, Willy Loman. Their differences of opinion about success lead to arguments and misunderstandings
11. Many of the characters emotionally deal with their problems in various ways. Discuss
12. **Create your own question!!!!!(this is a must)**

Does Gender affect a person's success?