



The themes of individualism and materialism in *Death of a Salesman*,  
*All My Sons* and *Crucible* by Arthur Miller

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موضوعات فكرة الفردية في مسرحيات كل الإبناء و موت ابناء البائع

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الخلاص :

الهدف الرئيسي من هذه الورقة البحثية هو تقديم فكرة الفردية في مسرحيات كل أبنائي الأحاباب، موت البائع والبوتقة. الأهداف الرئيسية لهذه الورقة هي استكشاف موضوعات الفردية والمادية في المجتمع الأمريكي. تعكس هذه المسرحيات صورة الفردية والمادية في المجتمع الأمريكي. سيتم رسم التحليل بالتقنيات الموضوعية والنموذج السردى لتحليل مفهوم الفردية والمادية في هذه المسرحيات المختارة. ستتعلم المناقشة في موضوعات هذه المسرحيات الثلاث، مما يساهم في أعمال بحثية أخرى حول الفردية والمادية. سوف تسلط النتيجة الضوء على موضوع الفردية والمادية في المجتمع الامريكي الكلمات المفتاحية وفاة البائع، كل أبنائي، بوتقة. ارثر ميلر، وجهة النظر الأدبية الأمريكية

## Abstract

The main aim of this paper is to present the idea of individualism in *All My Sons*, *Death of a Salesman* and *Crucible*. The main objectives of this paper are to explore the themes of individualism and materialism in American society. These plays reflect the picture of individualism and materialism in American society. The analysis will be drawn as the thematic techniques and narrative model to analyze the concept of individualism and materialism in these selected plays. The discussion will delve the themes of these three plays, contributing to other research works about individualism and materialism. The finding is going to highlight the theme of individualism and materialism. The main idea of the research is elaborated the idea of individualism in real situations **Key words** *Death of a Salesman*, *All My Sons*, *Crucible*. Miller, American literary view

## 1.Introduction

The introduction of my paper is to present the concept of individualism and materialism. Individualism can be defined as a habit of principles in which human being behaves as independent and self-reliance. The importance of individualism shows as the state of dependence. Individualism may lead to higher risk of the human behavior in the society. The types of individualism are two anchor and individual. Tyson, L. (2023). The individualism has a certain moods such as logic, semantic, methodological, ethical, historical, political and cultural. The best types of individualism are cultural because it reflects the culture of American people. Another notable theme is materialism is defined as the state of mind in which human being can behave madly. According to context of Miller, materialism is more important than spiritual action in the play. Materialism can be explained as a physical object in the life of human beings. Human beings call materialism by this term because everything is depended on matter in their life. Everything is existed with matter. Materialism is considered as important concept because the human beings can hold a matter by them. Gottschalk, P. (2024). According to critic, Einstein state that materialism is considered as especially and generally activity with human life. Critically, materialism is considered as money as well as values according to the needs and believes of human beings. The word materialism is said by Greek philosophers such as Leucippus and Democritus. The opposite of the

materialism is idealism. In these points, both philosophies have contrastive ideas in a society. **All My Sons** (1946) is one of the most remarkable plays which are dramatized by Miller to portray the society as materialistic. The dramatist's message is man should be responsible to all human beings. Man should care about other people. All mankind's have responsibility to care about life. Ago, H. (2023). The main point of **All My Sons** is to picture a conflict as two powers, having a conflict to get one idea or the same idea in the society. The play shows the struggle between a conflict and society. In this play, Miller reveals the tragic action in life of human beings. Critic says that **All My Sons** present a picture of conflict in American dream Human Salah, S. (2022) Another literary work, **Death of a Salesman** is a struggle between illusion and reality or success and fail in the society. This play mirrors the tragic action because it figurate the death of man in modern society. The play shows the reality of modern behavior, modern culture, and modernity. The main purpose of dramatizing **Death of Sales man** is to gain a moral lesson about ethic and behavior of American people. The characters who present the role of individualism and materialism. Gruber, T., & Biro, D. (2023). This play has characters such as Willy, Happy, Biff, Linda, Wagner and woman in Boston. Willy Lowman is tragically character who present the role of tragedy in life. In this play, tragedy is depicted with role of suffering or miseries because the tragic action is associated with images of troubles and miseries such as sad action in life. Another important literary work, **Crucible** is a play which is dramatized by Miller, the meaning of **Crucible** is a bot in which metals or other sustains are heated in high temperature, having a fictional story to results a tragic action of the characters. This play is tragedy because of depicting the idea of death. This play has the main plot about the reputations of one in the society who has never end up with the action of the dramatic and realistic situations in contemporary American drama. Critically, **Death of a Salesman** is more reflective than **All My Sons** and **Crucible** in term of individualism and materialism in American dream. In this play, John Proctor has used a good and mid set to die as martyr. Triantis, H. C., & Gland, M. J. (2012) states that the characters who reveal the individualism as Giles Corey, John Proctor and Rebecca Nurse. All those characters show desires between the individual interest and the society interest. This play has regarded as attack against the society- troubles. Twenty century drama has presented as a radical movement of forms, shapes, languages, images and literary devices. Some of dramatists depict the trouble of American during the World War II (1938-1945) Two of the philosophers such as Jeans- Paul and Albert Camus depict a realistic drama of life. American threaten has witnessed as movements such as absurdity, modernism, naturalistic. Realism and symbolism Miller, L. E. (2023)...

## 2. Methodology

This research, the researcher uses the qualitative approach and textual analysis is used to identify the idea of individualism and materialism in three selected plays **Death of a Salesman**, **a death of Salesman** and **crucible**. The quotations of these plays are selected in regarding to plot, characters and themes with references to Miller's point of views of individualism and materialism. The individualism plays as remarkable role in justifying the philosophy of Miller in American drama Human Salah, S. (2022).

## 3. Result and discussion

No	quotations	Model of Analysis
1	“Chris: I don't know why I reach out for something I want it because of having suffering of human beings.	In <b>Death of a Salesman</b> , Miller has depicted the images of suffering with a modern man. They suffer from long sanction of their.
2-	“I know that you are no worse than most men but I think that you are better. I never see you as a man	Model of analysis is individualism and materialism. In these two concepts, the dramatist has identified the idea of being a materialist in higher situation in their daily.
3-	“You don't realize or understand how people can hate, they can hate each other. They will tear the world of pieces.	In these lines, the dramatist, Miller has realized that the concept of hating each other among the human beings is sources from the classes of fortune, wealth, money and perceptions in daily life.
4	Funny situations, know? After all the highways, you end up with death than alive.	In <b>All My Sons</b> the dramatist has portrayed the comic and tragic situation .Comic is related with pleasure as a materialistic side

		of life. In contrast to above discussion, the dramatist reveals the idea of sadness with a poor situation in life.
5-	The smallest wound or pain of the ego is examined under a microscope.	In America society, the dramatist has used term smallest wounded and pain as micro-criticism to society. This pain regarded as angles of society.
6-	Theory. types of suicide and social conditions	
7-	I have trouble enough without I come five mile	The dramatist has said that I have troubled enough. This trouble is measured by suffering, pain, poorness, and greedy issues and materialistic.
8-	Art is an individualism is a disturbing and disintegrating force.	The idea of individualism means the idea of distributions of wealth, money and fortune.
9-	For too long in this society, we have celebrated unrestrained individualism over common community.	

#### 1.1: Table of data collection and analysis

Table 1.1: This table reveals the idea of individualism and materialism in Miller's selected plays All My Sons love, A Death of a Salesman and Crucible. In these selected plays. In the first quotation, the dramatist presents the individualism as a picture of suffering. In the second paragraph, the dramatist depicts the idea of comparative between good and worse people in their finical situation, depicting the life of human beings as classes such as upper class, middle class and lower class. All these classes lead to conflict of American society. In the third paragraph, the conflict leads to hatred among the human beings in the same or different classes. In the fourth paragraph, the dramatist pictures life in term of life and death. In the fifth paragraph, the dramatist leads tiny part of the society. In **All My Sons**, the dramatist revealed the idea of suicides in the society. In the seventh quotation, I have a picture of trouble as well as I live long time. The eight paragraph, the dramatist, Miller has used the idea of individualism as a means of distrusting the fortune in the society. In the nine paragraphs, it is concluded that these quotation of Miller's plays can reflect idea of American dream so as to reveal the suffering of Native American Torsos, A. M. (2024)...

#### 5. Discussion

The overview of Miller's plays such as Death of a Salesman, All My Sons and Crucible have presented the idea of pain, tragedy, suffering, conflict and modern conflict. Regarding a critical comments, All My Sons presents a slice of American culture Triantis, H. C., & Gland, M. J. (2012)... This play has limited to detective attitudes of life. This play shows moral lessons to American and other nations of the world. This play has a picture of conflict, fight and struggle. This play has presented the idea of responsibility of human life. This play has presented the idealist and realist views as a picture of conflicts. Sarah, M., & Quintal, M. S. (2024) indicates that the present play has revealed the complex and dynamic as of the groups of the society. **A Death of Salesman** has some critical comments, firstly, this play has broken hearts of the hero, the play has self-identity of life, the play addresses the struggle or conflict of human life, the play reflects the consciousness of life. This play adopts the psychological perspective of human life. This play has classical tragedy in life. This play has dealt with spiritual and materialistic side of life. The play has classical tragedy of life. The Crucible has critical comments Ago, H. (2023).

#### Conclusion 6.

This research has dealt with the idea of individualism and materialism .Both idea are reflected to separation of society, fight, struggle, classes and bad relationship of the society. The three selected plays such as A Death of a Salesman, **All My Sons** and **Crucible**. Both plays reflect the idea of individualism in American dream. A Death of Salesman is a great reflection to human life. Many critical quotations reveal the idea of materialistic

side of life. Critically, A Death of Salesman is a form of struggle among human life. This form of conflict has revealed the family struggle and society struggle among human beings. Tragically, all three plays depict the tragic picture of modern life. This play has a perspective of mirror of human life. People of American culture have presented a materialistic side of life. Miller is a great realist in the field of drama. Finally, Death of a Salesman has justified the family conflict of family –members. The recommendations of this research are to present themes of individualism in other literature such as African American literature. It is suggested to study the individualism with other dramatist so as to clarify the idea of being individual in the society.

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