Death of a Salesman Final Project Assignment

Name ________________________________________________

Direction: Choose one option out of the following. Due April 21st.

1. Each of the major characters in Death of a Salesman - Willy, Linda, Happy, Biff - have their own dreams. Create a poster in which you draw the dreams of each of the characters in Death of a Salesman. The poster must be created in a large piece of tag board, and everything you draw should be able to be justified by evidence in the play. Include at least one quotation from the play for each character's dream - you can incorporate the quote as part of the drawing, or as a caption for the drawing. You will present your poster to the class and explain your reasons for the pictures you drew.

2. Imagine you are in charge creating the soundtrack of a modern film version of Death of a Salesman. Put together a 5-song soundtrack for the play. What songs would you choose? Why? There are no limitations to the types of songs you may want to use, but you will need to justify the reason you used them. Each song should include a short paragraph of justification as to why you chose it - Does it follow one of the play's themes? Does it work particularly well for what is going through the mind of a character? (etc.) Choose at least three songs that could be used during certain scenes (identify the song and scene) - the rest could be just songs that follow the general theme(s) of the soundtrack and film. You must present 2 of the songs to the class and explain how they connect to the play.

3. Choose one character from the play and create a timeline for that character's life. The timeline should reflect the major events in that character's entire life, both before and after the time the play takes place. Be creative with both the back-story and the after-story - how did these characters end up the way they did when we met them, and how did they end up after the play is over? Be able to justify how the evidence in the play made you believe this is what did or will happen to your particular character. The timeline should be completed on a piece of tag board. You will present your timeline to the class.