

A Streetcar Named Desire Workbook

1. Read the play for the first time.
2. Now read the play again carefully, and, as you read it, fill in this workbook.



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1. Summaries

Write a complex one sentence summary for each scene as you read it.

Scene 1	
Scene 2	
Scene 3	
Scene 4	
Scene 5	
Scene 6	
Scene 7	
Scene 8	
Scene 9	
Scene 10	
Scene 11	

2. Questions

Answer these questions in your own words

1. Where does the play start and why does the name seem incongruous?
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2. How does the play start?
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3. How does Blanche's entrance seem incongruous in this setting?
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4. Is Blanche expected at Stella's house? How do we know this?
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5. Where has Blanche come from? Give as many details as you can.
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6. What does Blanche keep doing which annoys Stanley throughout the play?
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7. What is Blanche's "little weakness", according to Stella?
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8. Why is Stanley so annoyed about losing Belle Reve?
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9. What is the story about Blanche's first husband?
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10. Of which lies does Stanley accuse Blanche?

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b.

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11. How does Blanche hope that Mitch will save her?

12. How does Mitch react when Stanley tells him the gossip about Blanche?

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13. What is Blanche's next plan when her relationship with Mitch breaks down?

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14. What is Stella's reason for not believing Blanche about the rape?

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15. How does the play end?

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16. Why do you think the playwright chose this name for his play?.....

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3. Characters

As you read the story, add **at least** five quotations (with an explanation and a page number) to each of the boxes below, to describe the main characters by appearance or personality (an example has been put into Blanche' box).

Blanche

dresses well, "She is daintily dressed in white suit with a fluffy bodice, necklace, white gloves and hat, looking as if she were arriving at a summer tea or cocktail party" p.5

Mitch

Stella

Stanley

4. Thoughts about Themes

A theme is a recurrent idea which occurs frequently in a story. Can you think of any examples or details from "A Streetcar Named Desire" about any of these themes? Add details in the boxes below.

Theme	Examples from the story
<i>Sexual Desire</i>	
<i>Fantasy and delusion</i>	
<i>Interior versus Exterior appearances</i>	
<i>Masculinity and Physicality</i>	
<i>Femininity and dependence</i>	
<i>The relationship between sex and death</i>	
<i>Dependence on men</i>	
<i>The ambiguous nature of sexuality</i>	
<i>The betrayal of faith</i>	
<i>The corruption of the US</i>	
<i>The battle between the artist and the materialist</i>	