

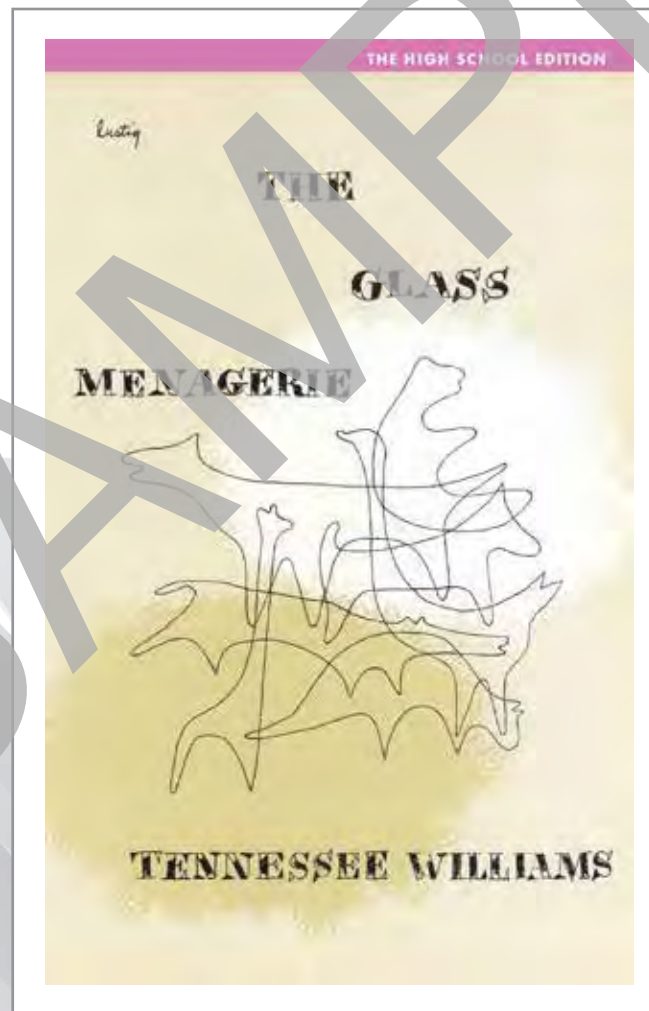


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GRADES 9-12

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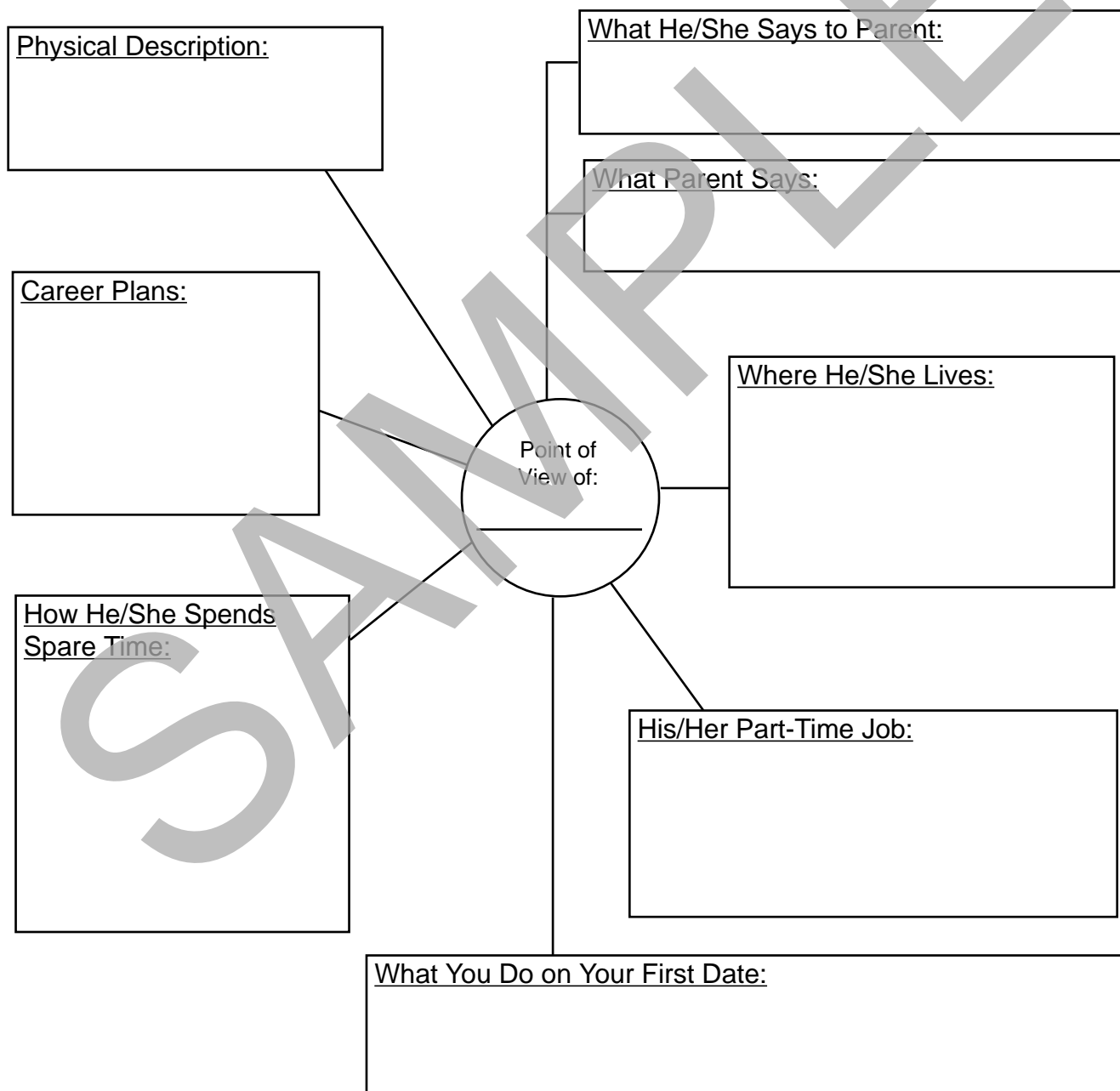
Complete the chart below by filling in the part of speech and giving several synonyms and an antonym for each word. You may want to use both a dictionary and a thesaurus.

Word	Part of Speech	Synonyms	Antonym
fiasco 47			
obsession 47			
archetype 47			
allusion 47			
specter 47			
sublimations 48			
confiscated 50			
disarray 50			
precipitated 50			
gesticulating 51			
jeopardize 52			
pinioned 53			
stupefied 54			

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The Ideal Date

Amanda asks Tom questions about Jim O'Connor to try to determine ahead of time if he seems like a suitable "beau" for Laura. Use the diagram below to describe the boy or girl your mother, father, or other adult would choose for you.



Scene 1

1. How does the initial stage setting with its music and lighting help to create the mood of a “memory play”?
2. What two functions does Tom have?
3. During what time period does the play take place?
4. Which incidents reveal tension in the family?
5. What past events does Amanda often recall? Why?

Scene 2

6. Of what deception does Amanda accuse Laura?
7. Where did Laura go instead of Rubicam’s Business College?
8. Why was Laura unable to attend the college?
9. Where did Laura get the nickname “Blue Roses”?

Scene 3

10. What does Amanda see as the answer to all problems?
11. How does Tom feel about his job at the warehouse?
12. What is the argument between Tom and Amanda about?
13. What happens at the end of the scene that upsets Laura? What does it symbolize?