

## **ADP 4M Playwriting: Character Biography Inventory**

Answer questions in complete sentences and paragraphs. Type and double-space all of your work.

### ***Character Analysis***

- A. How strong is your will to achieve what you desire?
  - Is your will threatened by any other characters on stage with you? Who?
  - Will you use charms or threats to get what you want? From whom?
- B. How strong are your morals?
  - Are you a person of high standards or will you stoop low to achieve your ambition?
  - For which characters on stage might you change?
- C. Where do you see yourself in relation to others on stage?
  - What is your status in the community?
  - Does this change depending on whom you are speaking to? Why? How is this change illustrated?
- D. What happened to you the moment before you first walked on stage?
  - What scenes in the play are not seen and yet are important?

### ***Context Analysis***

- E. What is the state of your character's economic environment?
  - Is your character lower, middle, or upper class? How do you know?
  - How well educated are you and what effect did your home-life in the past have on your education?
  - What is your occupation and how well do you balance your current home-life with your job situation?
- F. What is the state of your character's social environment?
  - Are you respected by others or feared? How do you know?
  - How does the younger generation view you?
  - How does the older generation view you?
- G. What is the state of your character's religious and/or political environment?
  - How strong is your faith in people and in institutions? How do you know?
  - How is your race/nationality affected by the current religious and/or political environment?

***Philosophical Analysis***

- H. What is the meaning of the title of the play?  
- How does the title frame the entire play? What is its thematic usage?
- I. Are there words repeated in the play for impact?  
-How are these words dramatically important and how do they represent the essential conflicts within and between the characters?

***Outside The Box***

- J. What book might you read to get a better understanding of your character? Explain the connection.
- K. What movie might you watch to get a better understanding of your character? Explain the connection.
- L. What song reminds you of your character? Explain the connection.
- M. Which photograph that you have at home or have seen in a magazine, on the Internet, etc. best represents your character? Explain the connection and attach the picture to this assignment, if possible.
- N. Where would your character shop for clothes? Explain why.