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### Play Analysis

1. Play Title:
2. Playwright:
3. Write a brief biography of the Playwright:
4. What is the significance of the title of the play?
5. What is the time period and location of the play?
6. Describe the audience that the play was written for.
7. What type of genre is the play and how well does it fit into that genre?
8. Describe the major theme.
9. Describe the minor themes.
10. Describe the protagonist, include their motivations, fatal flaw or comic weakness, and any character evolvment or changes.
11. Describe the antagonist including their motivations, their function in relation to the protagonist, and their function within the structure of the play.
12. If this were to be a major Hollywood film, who would you cast as the main characters?
13. What is the main plot of the play?

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14. Describe the Plot Structure:

- a. Exposition – opening info:
- b. Initiating incident – what starts the ball rolling:
- c. Obstacles:
- d. Central Conflict:
- e. Climax:
- f. Resolution:

15. Describe the use of dramatic devices within the play, including irony, foreshadowing, suspense, or surprises.

16. Describe the language. Is it realistic, heroic, archaic, poetic, contemporary, ethnic, original, etc.?

17. Describe the overall mood of the play.

18. Describe any symbolism within the play.

19. Why do you think the playwright wrote this play? What was his or her purpose?

20. What issues might arise in an attempt at producing this play? Keep in mind the set requirements, possible audience reactions, costs, acting requirements, etc.

21. What is your personal reaction to the play? Give details to support your statements.