*The Glass Menagerie*

April Vacation Homework

List Assignment

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**Directions:**

1. Over April Vacation, please read Scenes 1-4 of the play.

2. As you read, please make one list of references and descriptions of objects you encounter that embed the action in the “real” world of life in the Wingfield apartment and another list of what you perceive as “non-real” devices that enhance the development of the play.

2. You may use any format for the lists, as long as the document is clear, readable, and typed.

3. Please include a 250-word reflection in which you discuss how the items on your lists contribute to **characterization, theme** and **symbolism** in the play.

**Due: Monday, April 22nd**

Issues to think about as you read, write and reflect:

-Which characters arouse your sympathy? Which arouse your irritation, pity or anger? Do your attitudes shift as you learn more about each character?

-Illusion vs. reality: It can be argued that Amanda, Tom and Laura are each living in a fantasy world of some sort. What illusions do you see each character operating under? What forms of escape are pursued by each?

-What is Williams saying about the role of memory? Is it reliable? How does it shape or distort our understanding of the past?

**I will also post this homework on our Reading Blog. If you have questions about the assignment, please post in the comments and I will reply. I look forward to discussing this play with you when we return. Enjoy your vacation!!!!**