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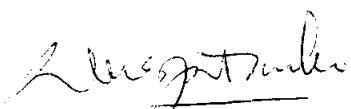
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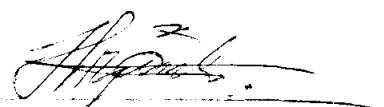
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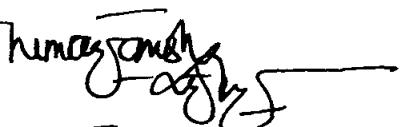
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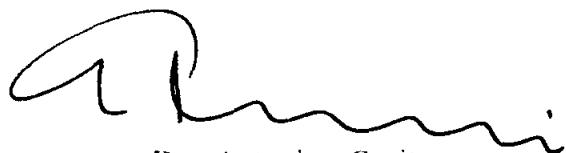
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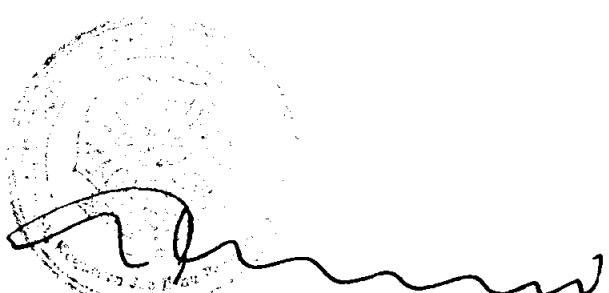
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Literature is the expression of life and the representation of human action and experience. The literary works are able to reflect the problem of life and also criticize a certain social condition. As a literary work is reflection of human life, the students will be able to learn about the feeling, emotion, dreams, and struggles of life written there.

The writer chooses Arthur Miller's work because his play portrays the tragedy of common man, which we usually find in our real society. This play is talking about the downfall of man as a result of his own action to seek self-evaluation and as a result of a conflict with his environment. In writing his play Arthur Miller always reflects social problems and individual's place in society. For this reason, the writer is interested in analyzing the protagonist as a tragic hero in *A View From The Bridge*.

Since the writer is concerned with the protagonist as a tragic hero in the play, the questions will be: (1) *Why the protagonist as a tragic hero in the play ?* (2) *What characteristics of the tragic hero are found in the play ?*. In order to analyzed the play, the writer intends to find out why the protagonist is a tragic hero, and what the characteristics of a tragic hero are found in the play.

In *A View From The Bridge* the writer deals with the protagonist, Eddie Carbone, which becomes her focus in studying his tragic life is conditioned by his fate and flaws, These make his life destroyed. As an uncle, he is too possessive on his niece Catherine, also his bad attitude towards his relatives. Realizing his flaws to show his dignity. Finally challenged by Marco, he fights to uphold his name but he is killed.

The writer also find out the events that lead Eddie Carbone to his tragic life. It is due to his characteristic from a loyal , helpful, and good-hearted man to be a jealous, stubborn and un-loyal man because of his feeling to his own niece Catherine.

The writer concludes that Arthur Miller's *A View From The Bridge* is considered as a realistic play because the characters in the play might be found in real life. Also the character tent to be round character as he is changeable as the story progress.