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Our Town by Thornton Wilder

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the play begin?

Setting - Setting is a place and time in which a story takes place. Discuss the two main settings in the play. Use descriptions from the play.

Mood - The mood of a work is the atmosphere or tone. How is mood created in Our Town? Why is it important? Use support from the play.

Emotional Impact - How does Wilder achieve emotional impact in the play? In what way are his techniques different from other playwrights? Use examples.

Nostalgia - Nostalgia is a sentimental longing for the past. How is Our Town nostalgic? Use support from the play to back your response.

Characters - Grover's Corners is almost a character itself in the play. As a social unit, the town lives in the characters as surely as the characters live in the town. Find content from the play to support this theory.

Characters - The Stage Manager is powered with godlike abilities of creation and control. How does this control the direction of the play? How would the play be different if there wasn't a Stage Manager?

Theme - Theme is an observation of life that serves as the controlling idea in a work. In *Our Town* there are several themes present. Discuss the meaning and beauty of life as presented in the play. Support your answer with details from the play.

Theme - Discuss the nature of time as presented in the play. Support your answer with details from the play.

Theme - Discuss the importance of love as presented in the play. Support your answer with details from the play.

Symbol - A symbol is a familiar object that is used to represent the unfamiliar. Find two symbols in the play and discuss them using specific details from the play.

Title - Why is the play entitled Our Town and not A Town? Use content from the play to back your answer.

What is your opinion of the play? Does the absence of major scenery impact your opinion?

Name two things you would change about the play?

Would you recommend this play? Why or why not?
